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Murder trial jury selection stalls



The trial involving two Canton teens charged with the shooting death of a correctional officer won't begin until next week as jury selection lasted a full day Tuesday and two dozen potential candidates were dismissed.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Jury selection in the trial of two Canton teens charged with killing correctional officer David Martell will drag into next week.

Attorneys dismissed more than two dozen potential jurors Tuesday in the trial of Mark Edwards, 17, and Matt Leonard, 18. The trial will resume

Tuesday in front of Circuit Court Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway.

"Selection should wrap up by Tuesday afternoon," said Leonard's attorney Dennis Shrewsbury.

Opening arguments will follow. The trial isn't expected to conclude until after Thanksgiving.

Edwards and Leonard face charges of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and felony firearm use.

Leonard is also charged with receiving and concealing a stolen firearm.

Martell was killed in an ambush-style shooting at Westpointe Mobile Home Park in Canton on Nov. 19 of last year. A third teen, James Blanchfield, 17, is also charged in the shooting and will face trial separately in front of Hathaway.

Martell, who was 21 at the time of his death, was driving away from a female friend's home in the mobile home park when the shooting occurred. He was shot twice, including a fatal hit in the chest.

Jury selection for Edwards and Leonard began Monday. Attorneys

were to pick 14 jurors, including two alternates, from a panel of about 40 citizens.

Edwards' attorney Evan Callanan, Shrewsbury and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Christopher Coyle lectured and questioned potential jurors on numerous points of the law.

Shrewsbury, for example, asked jurors if the defendants didn't testify would it prejudice their decision.

"Our constitution says we don't have to testify if we don't want to," he added.

The Plymouth lawyer also asked potential jurors not to form an opinion

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Calling on CAROLERS

The Observer is interested in talking to people in our area who go out and serenade others with Christmas carols. We would also like to talk to people who have gone caroling in the past and have some memories to share.

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IN THE PAPER TODAY

COMMUNITY LIFE

Come and play: A year ago, Marie Smith decided to market tracing kits that would inspire kids' creativity. The idea has caught on and now area Jacobson's stores are inviting people to play days to try out the kits. /B1

AT HOME

Holiday parties: At Home is planning a feature on holiday parties and we'd like to hear about yours. If you have a story or ideas for a holiday party and pictures, contact Hugh Gallagher at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48106 or by fax: (734) 591-7279.

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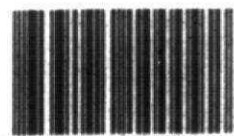
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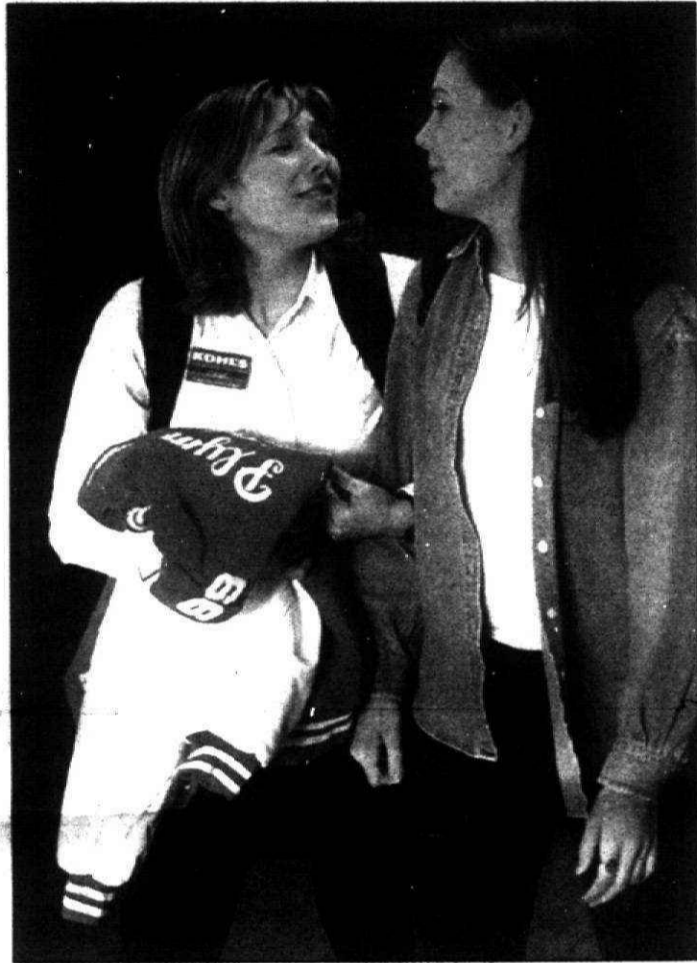
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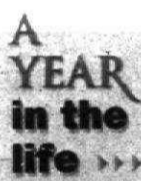
Special times: Above, Oct. 3 - Plymouth Canton High School senior Katie Tolbert and her boyfriend, Alex Meissner, pause during the homecoming dance to talk with Katie's best friend, Beth Wargin. Alex doffed his shirt due to the heat, but kept his tie. Oct. 1 - At right, Katie and Beth Wargin walk arm in arm between classes in a hallway at school. Katie had earlier learned that she had been accepted to Western Michigan University.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Balancing act

Senior juggles studies, extracurriculars



BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Katie Tolbert, 17, of Canton can't believe her senior year is going by so fast.

"It's hard to believe that a quarter of the year is over," said Katie. "Every school year seems to go by

faster and faster. But everything is going well. I'm still trying to do a lot of different things."

Earlier this year, Katie agreed to be the Canton Observer's subject of our "Year in the Life" project, where we focus on her final year in high school.

Katie received her first quarterly report card, accomplishing a 3.67 grade point average. That's higher than her high school average of 3.5, but still not good enough for her

standards. "I'm kind of disappointed in that," said Katie, whose goal was to get a 4.0. "In math class I got a B+, and it was so close to an A. In sociology I got a B. Hopefully I can improve next quarter."

Along with studying, Katie has been working hard as a member of the Canton Chieftess pompon squad preparing for state competition this week in Saginaw.

"We've been putting in double

practice sessions the past few weeks, two-hour sessions in the afternoon and evening," she said. "We were high kick champions last year, so we're working hard to defend our title."

The competition comes on the heels of the end of football season, one of Katie's favorite sports.

"I loved football season, and Canton won its last game against Salem

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Time needed to decipher, analyze MEAP scores

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth-Canton school administration has received the results from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests taken last year by high school juniors.

Now all that school officials need to do is figure out what the figures mean.

More than 600 of the 988 juniors at Salem and Canton high schools last May refused to take the test, which

measures skills in reading, writing, math and science.

With the lack of students taking the tests, and the state changes, this year's results are difficult, if not totally impossible, to analyze and compare.

"These results are baseline, and we can use them for comparison for future testing," said Verna Anible, director of instruction. "We can't say anything about the results and how they impact the current curriculum."

"The only way we can compare these results is to the state figures, and they

are better than the state averages."

The tests were revamped by the state last year after they became controversial for being long, difficult and resulting in debatable scores. The exams were shortened to about eight hours by the state after complaints the nearly 11 hours of testing were too long.

Students also didn't like the idea of getting anything but a "proficient" label put on their transcripts; believing anything else would hurt their chances of getting into college. So, new rankings were developed.

The validity of the scores is even suspect, considering nearly two-thirds of the students failed to take the tests.

"It's difficult to know how valid the tests are because we don't know if the students who took them are a cross-section of the student population, or the characterizations of the kids who took the tests," said Anible. "Speculation is that the top kids, those with high grade point averages and high scores on the SAT and ACT college

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Library celebrates birthday

The Canton Public Library, hosting their 10th anniversary celebration, has several special events planned for the next two weeks including "Food for Fines" and "Children's Book Week."

According to a library spokesperson, persons who bring in non-perishable, canned food items can have up to \$10 in fines erased that they've accumulated from over due books in exchanged for their donation.

The funds raised from the drive benefit the Canton Goodfellows. Canned goods can be dropped off through Sunday, Nov. 15.

Children's Book Week runs from Nov. 16-21. Young students in grades second through sixth have an opportunity to be a "Librarian for an Hour." Parents can call and register their child to spend an hour working at the Reference Desk in the Youth Department.

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Children also have the opportunity to win a prize by answering questions created by the library staff.

For more information about any of the programs or upcoming activities, call the Youth Reference Desk at 734-397-0999.

Bereavement seminar

Demonstrating its continued commitment to helping community residents cope with grief, McCabe Funeral Home is sponsoring "Hope For the Holidays: A Free Bereavement Seminar" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

"We know that the holidays are the most difficult time for families to go through after the death of a loved one," said Kevin McCabe, chief executive officer of McCabe Funeral Homes. "We hope that by offering this service, we can reduce some of the stress these families endure."

Allison Brzenchek, a social worker at Community Hospice and Homecare Services in Plymouth and Westland, will conduct the free seminar. The seminar will involve discussions on basic steps people can take to get through difficult times and cope with the death of loved ones. Brzenchek, who has provided grief support services to many families in the Detroit area, will offer suggestions and ideas on how to cope with loss.

"The seminar is a one night workshop designed to help anyone who has lost a loved one experience the holidays with peace and joy," Brzenchek said.

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of guilt or innocence to early. "I would ask you to suspend your judgment until the last scene," Shrewsbury said. Judge Hathaway told jurors that it's incumbent of the prosecutor to prove each charge against Edwards and Leonard. "The question becomes have all of the elements of all those charges been met beyond a reasonable doubt," she said. "We must follow the law."

Coyle's questioning was less intense. He was careful not to come across as the bad guy. "This whole process is about finding the truth," he told jurors then compared himself to Shrewsbury and Callanan. "We just think the truth is different because we sit on different sides of the table."

After questioning, lawyers were allowed to remove potential jurors with a "peremptory challenge," which required no cause or reason. Each attorney is allowed to make 10 such challenges.

Shrewsbury consulted with Leonard before making the challenges. The defendant, who wore dress slacks, a white shirt and tie, listened to questioning closely and studied jurors throughout the day.

"It's his trial," Shrewsbury

Township mulls waste water options

By SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

Expand or build. That's the question a study of wastewater treatment facilities will try to determine for members of the Western Townships Utilities Authority.

Canton's Board of Trustees authorized a \$14,000 study by Chicago-based Greeley and Hansen at its Tuesday meeting. The firm will review an expansion study for the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority and also write a feasibility report in regards to building a stand alone treatment plant.

Supervisor Tom Yack said a new plant, which would be

smaller and more technologically advanced than YCUA's facility, could be located on Michigan Avenue.

"We have an empty line going to YCUA," he added. "Any place along that line would work. It wouldn't necessarily have to be in Canton."

Plymouth, Northville and Canton formed WTUA in the early 1990s. The authority regulates flows from those communities to Detroit and the YCUA facility in Ypsilanti.

The townships plan on leaving the Detroit system by 2010. With that move and continued growth in the communities, primarily Canton, extra capacity will be

needed to handle increased flows.

The debate now is how best to handle those flows. Expanding YCUA seems like a logical choice. But Yack said several factors may make it a poor option.

The cost of building such an addition may be prohibitive. "It could cost more than building new," Yack said.

Also, Canton has no say in how YCUA is operated. That authority has been unwilling to give the township a voting membership. Canton is currently negotiating for such a membership.

Building a new facility, which

would be funded by the sale of bonds by WTUA, would give Canton control, Yack said.

A new plant would require five to acres to build, which is about one-sixth of the YCUA facility. It would take approximately four years to build the plant.

Rate structures among Plymouth, Northville and Canton would vary with usage, Yack noted. He said it's too early to say how or if it would affect residents' bills.

The Greeley-Hansen study will take 30 to 60 days to complete. Yack said any decision about expanding YCUA or building a new facility would take about a year to make.

Marching band captures top spot

By DIANE HANSON SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band rocked the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday, Nov. 7, with a stellar performance that netted members the highest score of all 40 bands performing in the Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA) State Championships.

"This is the best feeling I've ever had watching a band, anywhere, ever!" said David McGrath, director of the championship band. "I'm as proud as I've ever been. They were just phenomenally emotional and focused and did so well."

Indeed they did. The 205-member band captured the Flight I championship trophy with an outstanding score of 94.65 for their performance of "America, Land of the Free," a moving musical and dramatic portrayal of America's struggle for civil rights. The performance also gleaned all three Flight I caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect.

Consecutive sweeps

For the second year running, the PCEP band has swept all Flight I first-place awards, all caption awards and all overall high score trophies in each of their Michigan competitions as well as the state championship contest. But this show, with its emotional theme, was something special for McGrath.

"I can't tell you right now how proud I am of you," McGrath told his marchers after their performance. "This is goosebumps-city."

Associate Band Director Gregg Rinehart was equally pleased. "I look at everything with a critical eye and I'm hard to get excited but I was excited about their performance today," he said.

An additional source of pride this year came when Canton senior trumpet player Ross Huff was named one of six recipients of a \$1,000 MCBA scholarship. "I have to give a lot of credit to the (PCEP) program," said Huff. "Without such a good background and the whole group playing so well, it would cause people to lose the desire to play." Huff would like to attend Ohio State, the University of Michigan or Western Michigan University next year and plans to



Theatrical pause: Dale Robeniol (above), clarinetist, performs one of the choreographed movements during the PCEP Marching Band's presentation of "American Land of the Free." (Right) Nicci Kashani dramatizes a narration during the band competition.

continue with music. "There is nothing else I'd rather do," he said. "Of the 85 MCBA member bands across the state, only the top 40, 10 in each of Flights I through IV (flights are determined by the student enrollment with Flight I being the largest schools) make the cut for the state contest."

"You have to have a well-designed program that challenges your kids and that is of a high quality, both visually and musically, to allow you to advance to this point," explained Mark Pittard, executive director of the MCBA contest. "Even if you have the world's greatest musicians, it will be difficult to advance this far if you're not playing good music or marching something worth marching."

Other Observer-area bands in Flight I were Westland John Glenn, eighth place, 76.6, and West Bloomfield, ninth place, 75.8. Second place in Flight I went to Milford with a score of 90.0. In Flight II, Farmington took ninth place with a score of 74.3. First place in Flight II went to Reeths-Puffer, Muskegon, 91.0, and Novi took second with a score of 87.25. Farmington Harrison captured third place in Flight III with a score of 84.1 and Redford Thurston took ninth place with a score of 65.65.

Team pride

Of Saturday's performance, Nadia Johnson, a Salem junior and Freshman in the color guard, said, "It was awesome. It was so much hard work, but after today, it has all paid off. I don't even remember the crying and the sweating." But even after such a phenom-

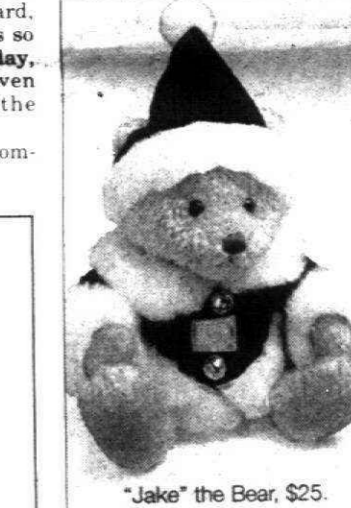
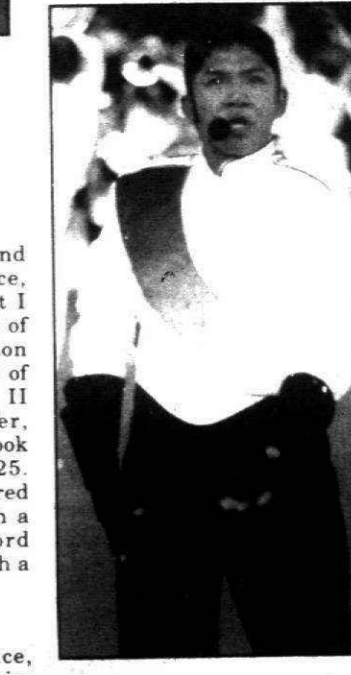
onal performance, there is no time to bask in the glory. "There has been a lot of hard work and we're all exhausted but we're still pushing," said senior clarinetist Dale Robeniol, who also does the narration during the show.

To heighten the students' awareness and emotional involvement in the civil rights movement that took place before the performers were born, the band boarded buses after the competition to travel to Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History.

The PCEP band will spend a final week in practice before traveling to Indianapolis Nov. 12-14 for the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome.

McGrath stressed that placement for the PCEP performers was not paramount. "Who cares about the placement?" he said. "I don't."

We talk to them about that all the time. I just want them to be a band that, when people watch, they remember. People are sure going to be talking about this performance for a long time."



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BASIC TRAINING

Marine Pfc. Tuan A. Vogle, son of Paul D. and Kim T. Vogle of Plymouth, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and was honorably promoted to his current rank.

Vogle successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Vogle and fellow recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps core values honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Vogle joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country. He is a 1990 graduate of South High School.

Army Pvt. Lindsay B. Clark has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Clark is the daughter of Barbara S. Wheeler of Canton. She is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Army Pte. Anthony M. Lollo is an extended basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness.

The recruit qualifies for a \$6,000 enlistment bonus. Hall, a 1998 graduate of Millington High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training on Jan. 19, 1999. He is the son of Jerry Hall of Canton.

DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM

Jeremy W. Hall has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Caro, Mich. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

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Did You Know? The Canton Public Library has a "new" and "improved" Young Adult area? We've added comfy chairs, books on tape, computers and magazines for browsing. Check it out! The library offers an introduction to the Internet class for older adults? The class is offered the second Wednesday of the month from 10-11 a.m., September through June. Call to register.

Audio books for adults Here are some titles on audiotape available from the library: "The Eleventh Commandment" - Archer "Black Mountain Breakdown" - Smith "Low Country" Siddons - Gilchrist "Sarah Conley: A Novel" - Gilchrist "The Chimney Sweeper's Boy" - Vine

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Q & A: Q. Which "First Lady" wrote a daily newspaper column and made frequent radio broadcasts? A. Eleanor Roosevelt was America's First Lady for 12 years, and took her job seriously, traveling the country and the world to gather information about the problems and concerns of workers, children, minorities and the poor. She served as U.S. delegate to the United Nations where she was instrumental in securing passage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She also wrote a daily newspaper column and made frequent radio broadcasts. Source: Women's History Project

Fiction for adults: "Welcome to the World Baby Girl" - Fan or Flagg "In the Presence of Horses" - Barbara Dimmock "A Midwinter's Tale" - Andrew Greeley "By the Light of My Father's Smile" - Alice Walker "Vampire Armand" - Anne Rice

Top novels of the 20th Century: "Mrs. Dalloway" - Virginia Woolf "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" - Frank L. Baum "Lady Chatterley's Lover" - D.H. Lawrence "A Clockwork Orange" - Anthony Burgess "The Awakening" - Kate Chopin New video titles for youth: "Pachahontas II: Journey to a New World" - Napoleon "Soup Stories: How Letters Became Words" - Young Pochahontas Hot topic of the week: 10 remarkable years! The Canton Public Library will celebrate its 10th birthday on Nov. 13, 14 and 15. Come join in the celebration beginning Friday at 5 p.m. with the unveiling of "Storytime," a bronze sculpture by Gary Price. There will be food and live entertainment in both the Youth and Adult Departments on both Friday and Saturday. There is a sports celebrity Readathon on Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. with representatives from the Red Wings, Detroit Shock, Detroit Vipers and Detroit Rockers. Come and join in the celebration at the Canton Public Library's 10th Birthday @ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorog; of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call 397-0999.

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entrance exams, didn't take the tests because they had the higher risk. When I talk to university officials, they are starting to put more emphasis on the endorsements."
In taking the 11th-grade MEAP tests, and depending on their scores, students can earn endorsements on their transcripts which include "level exceeded," "level met" and "endorsed." Those who don't get high enough scores on the MEAP tests don't get any type of endorsement.
"We also encourage students to take the tests because the results give us information on how we teach our curriculum," said Anible. "We think students can perform well and get endorsements that reflect well on themselves and the district."
Superintendent Chuck Little said "the results aren't constructive, considering so many of the students didn't take the tests. I don't know what to think, we just don't have the evidence."
"We need to start talking about the state tests in a positive way," added Little. "Plymouth-Canton students have some of the best scores in the state, and we have to start thinking of that as a plus."

A 16-year-old Canton youth was the victim of domestic violence on Nov. 5, according to police reports.
The boy went to his father's home, where he lives part-time, at about 4 p.m. that day. Reports said that he went to tell his father that he wished to live full-time with his mother.
The man then began screaming at the boy, reports said. He then allegedly struck the teen by slapping him on both ears. The man then allegedly dragged him around the room by his shirt collar.
The teen told police he planned to seek a restraining order against his father.
About \$1,000 worth of property was stolen and damage done to a Canton store on Nov. 5.

POLICE CALLS

Phone and alarm wires were cut at the Yost Road business, according to police reports. After gaining entry, thieves stole the passenger side door from a car as well as \$400 worth of tools.
The incident occurred between 5 p.m. on Nov. 4 and 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 5.
Beer bandit
About \$70 worth of beer was stolen from a Sheldon Road grocery store on Nov. 6.
A man described as being 6-foot tall and 170 pounds walked into the store and requested boxes from a clerk. The man put the boxes in a shopping cart and went back into the store.
A short time later, employees saw the man walk out of the store with beer loaded in the boxes, police reports said. Employees confronted the man but were unable to stop him.
He drove away from the store in a car described as a red two-door Buick.
Indecent exposure
An employee of a Canton shoe store reported that a man in his late 20s exposed himself on Nov. 8 in the shop.
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The session begins Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999, and concludes Saturday, June 12, 1999. Each student must complete and return an enclosed application to the district office by Nov. 30. A copy of the student's transcripts, three letters of recommendation and a parental consent form must accompany each application.
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ROSALENE IRENE DYER Services for Rosalind Irene Dyer, 66, of Plymouth were Nov. 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. J.J. Meach officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. She was born on March 17, 1932, in Filion, Mich. She died on Nov. 2 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker who loved to cook and bake. She came to the Plymouth community 53 years ago from Filion. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma and William Forbing; three brothers, Percy, Lloyd and Bill Forbing; one sister, Georgia LaLone; and one son, Gary Dyer. Survivors include her five daughters, Linda (Dan) Stachowiak of Northville, Vickie (Bill) Lyke of Saline, Kathy (Bill) Brown of Ypsilanti, LuAnne (Bruce) Roberts of Westland, Gail Johnson of Plymouth; one son, Billy (Janet) Dyer of Canton; 14 grandchildren, Scott and Pat Goff of Northville, Kym and Kevin Lyke of Saline, Angie, Teddy, and Jody Booth of Ypsilanti, Rob and Amy Dyer of Canton, Jeremiah, Kylem and Jessica Roberts of Westland, Kristy and Gary Johnson of Plymouth; one great-grandchild, Jacob Booth of Ypsilanti; and six sisters and brothers, Goldie St. Louis of Florida, Seymour Forbing of Port Hope, Mich., Neva St. Louis of Florida, Vera Dyer of Plymouth, Otis Forbing of Florida and Ernie Forbing of Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Missionary Oblates of Mary

Immaculate or the American Legion Association. RAMON G. WILLIAMSON Services for Ramon G. Williamson, 64, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Detroit, were Nov. 6 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. Harold Sever of Stringham Missionary Church, Pontiac, officiating. He was born on June 9, 1934. He died on Nov. 2 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. He was a painter for several industrial painting companies. He had been on disability for 20 years. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Livonia, and a member of the Loyal Order of Eagles in Farmington. Survivors include his wife, Joyce; three daughters, Gayle Williamson of Canton, Barbara (Kenneth) Sever of Commerce, Ann Kennedy of Northville; one

brother, Robert Williamson of Pennsylvania; one sister, Betty Williamson of Rochester; and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Moose Have Life Care Center of the family. VELMA L. AITKENS Services for Velma L. Aitkens, 89, of Livonia were Nov. 7 at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Livonia, with the Rev. Robert A. Clapp officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. She was born on March 23, 1909, in Blackstone, Ill. She died on Nov. 3 in Farmington Hills. She worked at the Woolworth store in Wonderland Mall and the Woolworth store in Redford. She came to the Livonia community in 1968 from Detroit. She was a member of St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia. She was past president of the Livonia Seniors Heritage Club. She loved to play cards, travel, and read. She especially enjoyed being with her family. Survivors include her two daughters, Marcia (George) Kokones of Plymouth, Dona Gene Gorsuch of Howell; one sister, Margaret Rich of Hillsdale, Mich.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia or St. John's Episcopal

Church in Howell. FRANK J. CZUJ Services for Frank J. Czuj, 79, of Plymouth were Nov. 4 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre. He was born on March 28, 1919, in Detroit. He died on Oct. 31 in Marywood Nursing Home, Livonia. She was a homemaker. He was preceded in death by her husband, Roy M., and her brother, Tilford Hill. Survivors include her son, Roy J. (Gerda) Orr; one daughter, Barbara (Richard) Kruse; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. RICHARD JOHN GARCIA Services for Richard John Garcia, 55, of Canton were Nov. 9 at St. John Neumann Church. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton. He was born on Jan. 23 in Detroit. He died on Nov. 5 in Canton. He was an electrician at Ford Motor Co. Survivors include his wife, Glenda; one daughter, Lisa; one son, Michael; parents, Jerry and Molly Garcia; one brother, Gary; and one sister, Janet Butler.

Iron River, Mich.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. NETTIE D. ORR Services for Nettie D. Orr, 96, of Plymouth were Nov. 3 at UH Funeral Home. Burial was at Acacia Park, Southfield Township. She was born on Sept. 17, 1902, in Cecelia, Ky. She died on Oct. 31 in Marywood Nursing Home, Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy M., and her brother, Tilford Hill. Survivors include her son, Roy J. (Gerda) Orr; one daughter, Barbara (Richard) Kruse; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. RICHARD JOHN GARCIA Services for Richard John Garcia, 55, of Canton were Nov. 9 at St. John Neumann Church. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton. He was born on Jan. 23 in Detroit. He died on Nov. 5 in Canton. He was an electrician at Ford Motor Co. Survivors include his wife, Glenda; one daughter, Lisa; one son, Michael; parents, Jerry and Molly Garcia; one brother, Gary; and one sister, Janet Butler.

1967-1968. In a closed caucus of the 57 Republicans who will be sworn in early next year, Raczkowski won a first ballot victory Tuesday over Michael Green of Mayville and Mary Ann Middaugh of Paw Paw. Winning his party's nod to be speaker was Perricone, 38, a tax accountant from Kalamazoo and architect of GOP income tax maneuvers. He staved off a challenge from Mark Jansen of Grand Rapids. The Perricone-Raczkowski ticket breaks up the stranglehold on House GOP leadership positions of the Grand Rapids-Holland bloc. "We have full balance right off the bat," said Raczkowski Wednesday morning. "And we have a better male-female balance than the Democrats." Speaker pro tem will be Patricia Birkholz of Saugatuck. Two associate speakers pro tem will be Judith Scranton of Brighton and Bruce Patterson of Canton; assistant floor leaders will be Middaugh, a first-termer who succeeded her husband,

Raczkowski, Patterson win House leadership posts

and Paul DeWeese of Williamston. Caucus chair will be John Pappageorge, a freshman from Troy; and assistant caucus chair will be Charles LaSata of St. Joseph. Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, who hosted a reception for the 1999 group, said voting numbers would not be revealed. "You can see why," he said - suggesting that it would keep those who lost from developing grudges. Visitors to the House gallery in the north wing of the Capitol next year will see a lot of Raczkowski, who will present the calendar of what will be taken up each day. "It's a high visibility job with isolation," he said. "The job is more than a traffic cop," Raczkowski went on. In the inner sanctum of planning, Raczkowski will meet with Perricone and Democratic floor leader Mike Hanley of Saginaw. He and Perricone are sworn not to duplicate Democratic floor tactics of stretching out sessions so that the big bills are brokered in the closing days of early July - a "calendar of constipation," he

called it. Paul Hillegonds, the GOP speaker in 1995-6, made long steps toward keeping up a flow of legislation throughout the early months of the session. Raczkowski has come a long way from his early days in politics when he was called "Cocky Rocky" and known more for coltish enthusiasm than subtlety of thought. Perricone and Raczkowski are known as hard-nosed partisans, but Raczkowski said he has a friendly relationship with the Democratic floor leader, Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick of Detroit. "We were classmates at Detroit College of Law," Raczkowski said. "In our first session, we were the youngest in our parties." "We've had a good progression of what people perceived we were going to do," Raczkowski added. "We won our second term with 65.6 percent of the vote. We're very proud to be majority floor leader."



Patterson



Raczkowski

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Crime prevention seminars offered

The Canton Public Safety Department will offer crime prevention training sessions for both business owners and residents. The November session for businesses will be 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19. Leonard Schemanske from the Crime Prevention Office, will inform business owners of Canton's new alarm ordinance and will offer recommendations on the acceptance of personal checks. The December sessions for homeowners/residents will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3 and at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. Leonard Schemanske of the Crime Prevention Office, will inform residents of Canton's new alarm ordinance, and the consolidation of Neighborhood Watch programs with the Homeowners Associations. All sessions are free of charge and will be held in the second floor training room at the Canton Police Department. For more information, or to make reservations, please call Crime Prevention Officer Leonard Schemanske at (734) 397-5344.

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Plans for contaminated hill outlined tonight

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State environmental officials will review comments from a public hearing tonight on Wayne County's proposal to cap Middlebelt Hill in Westland before they decide whether to approve it.

Wayne County officials want to top the hill with a 12-inch clay cap in areas where contaminants have reached the surface so the hill can be used for sledding in the winter and picnicking during the summer.

Garbage and other waste that helped create the hill more than 40 years ago also has contaminated it. The hill contains lead, arsenic and other heavy metals, discovered during sampling in 1991.

In June 1998, NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills com-

pleted a remedial action plan for Wayne County Department of Public Services to tackle the contamination problem and make the hill usable for winter and summer recreation. Wayne County submitted the proposal to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The DEQ will conduct a public meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Westland Council Chambers, 36601 Ford Road.

Here is a summary of that plan:

■ Before construction begins, erosion control measures will be installed around the site, which will include a silt fence, three temporary sediment traps and three drainage structures. These measures "will minimize the amount of soil and debris that leaves the area during construction in the event of heavy rain."

Once construction is completed, the silt fence will be removed and temporary sediment traps backfilled.

■ During construction, the soil cover will be removed from the waste area and the 1991 fill area. Any trees, stumps and brush will be removed from the site for off-site disposal. Roots will be disposed of at a landfill. Soil or refuse will be dislodged from the roots if possible, and will be left on site for use during the backfilling operation.

■ The portion of the 1991 fill lying within the floodway of the adjacent Rouge River will be excavated and placed on the southeast slope.

■ A 12-inch compacted clay cover will be placed over various locations where the waste is located, then covered with a layer of general fill. For slope

stability, the clay cover will be increased to 18 inches on the north slope. After these layers have been constructed, approximately 6 inches of topsoil will be placed over all disturbed areas, except on the north slope of the landfill, which will receive a 12-inch layer of planting mix in lieu of general fill soil and topsoil.

Once the topsoil has been placed and graded, the areas will be seeded, planted and mulched.

■ A warming shelter and three sets of timber steps have been proposed to be constructed. The shelter will be "slab-on-grade" to eliminate the need to penetrate the hill's clay cover. Electrical service will be provided for lighting at the top of the hill and heat at the warming shelter.

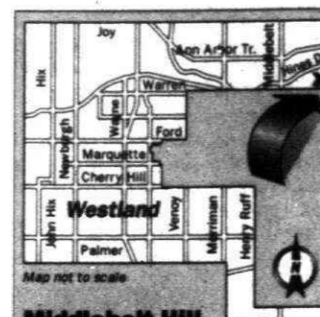
A construction "quality assurance plan" also has been pro-

posed to oversee the work. A licensed engineer will supervise the work of the field staff, which will consist of engineers and construction technicians, who will observe the work, collect material for testing and perform testing.

While the site will be inspected for erosion and the site condition monitored, groundwater monitoring will not be required.

Residents also can write comments to Steven Kitler, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Response Division, 38980 Seven Mile, Livonia, MI 48152, until 5 p.m. Nov. 25.

DEQ officials will act on the remedial action plan, possibly as early as December. Wayne County will need to obtain a land and water management permit from the DEQ and a building permit



Middlebelt Hill
Wayne County officials want to construct a 12-inch thick clay cap on Middlebelt Hill, which is a site that formerly housed a landfill and is located adjacent to Hines Drive east of Middlebelt. The cap will cover contaminants evident at the site.

Test samples show Hines site contains arsenic, lead

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The contamination at Middlebelt Hill is similar to the contamination at Cooper School, an official with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality says.

"They were deposited at approximately the same time with similar materials," said Steven Kitler, who works in MDEQ's environmental response division.

Both Middlebelt Hill and Cooper School were closed and abandoned in 1991. That year, soil tests at Cooper showed high levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls left from a former landfill, while tests on Middlebelt Hill showed fill material contained lead and arsenic in excess of residential "direct contact" standards.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday (today) at 7 p.m. at Westland Council Chambers, 36601 Ford Road, for the DEQ to receive public comments on Wayne County's plans to cap Middlebelt Hill.

In the 1950s, about 250,000 cubic feet of fill material consisting primarily of municipal rubbish was placed on the Middlebelt Hill site to increase the hill's elevation and allow for sledding and tobogganing. Elevated levels of lead and arsenic "may be related to animal burrowing activities which have

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transported buried waste constituents to the surface," according to NTH's report.

That same year, more fill was added by a contractor to the southern hill to reduce the hill's slope. While tests have shown that this fill met residential contact standards, the material was "illegally placed in a floodplain," Kitler said in a summary report.

The state took samples from animal burrows. The residential direct contact standards are outlined under Section 20a1a of Part 201 Rules.

"These rules under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act established cleanup standards with different standards depending on its use, whether it was residential or industrial," Kitler said. "The lead and the arsenic exceed the residential direct contact standards, but it is not an acute hazard."

Wayne County officials believe incinerator ash from Detroit's incinerator is a con-

tinuation source at the site. Kitler said the state will take the public comments and submit them to a 12-member executive committee. That committee will decide whether to approve or reject plans to cap the site.

Kitler said the state was "right in the middle" of its review of Wayne County's plan with environmental and legal people examining the plan. "We're taking all the questions and comments from the public for the committee to consider."

Kitler expects a decision by the end of December.

Studies and samples have shown that Barnes-Meldrum Drain adjacent to Cooper School also has "stained soil."

"Some of it could be runoff," Kitler said. The Cooper School site contains metals that may have created a leachate that seeps into a gully to the Barnes Drain which empties into the Rouge.

"There's nothing in there (the Barnes Drain) that I would call extremely high or a serious problem," Kitler said. "It is probably similar to drains near roadways."

The two sites are located in Westland about 500 yards apart. The hill is owned by Wayne County and lies in Hines Park along the Rouge River, east of Middlebelt Road. Cooper School is owned by Livonia Public Schools and is located on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Middlebelt.

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Experts forecast job changes here

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Picture southeastern Michigan's population growth in 2025 as an hourglass instead of a bell curve.

The top bulb represents ages 55 and older. The lower bulb is people from birth to age 24.

In the middle, shrinking absolutely and as a part of the whole, are the workers from ages 25 to 54. They'll be doing the work for their kids and their coupon-clipping, pension-collecting parents and grandparents.

"Basically we'll have a full employment economy," said Jim Rogers, data center manager for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "(Job) growth hits the wall in 2010 and as the baby boomers age. We'll stabilize at 2.9 million jobs."

The kinds of jobs will change, Rogers told the SEMCOG General Assembly, representing seven counties, on Oct. 30. The big shifts:

- Manufacturing already has slipped from 36 percent of the total in 1965 to 19 percent by 1995 and will drop to 13 percent by 2025.

- Retail trade will hold steady at 16-17 percent over the next three decades.

- Service jobs replace most of the manufacturing jobs. "Services" range from accounting to engineering, teaching, barbering, auto mechanics, attorneys and doctors.

The forecasts were made by the University of Michigan's Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations with funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

In the first half of the 1990s, Rogers said, job growth outstripped population growth, 118,000 more people and 155,000 more jobs. A greater proportion of the population went to work.

"Over the following three decades (1995-2025), there will

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Truth-in-sentencing

Fiscal, judicial impact of new bills debated

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Michigan is making massive changes in the way it sends convicted criminals to prison, but no one can say how it will affect spending and prison construction.

"The fiscal impact of sentencing guidelines and truth-in-sentencing is indeterminate," says a Senate Fiscal Agency analysis of the long-debated package of laws, which take effect Dec. 15.

"Indeterminate" is the bottom line.

Some say legislators' chant of "tough new laws" will swell prison populations, sucking money from colleges and other services for good folks. Others say the changes take too much power from circuit judges.

Here's a look at where the state has been, what has hap-

pened during the 1990s, and where we're going with the 1998 laws.

Where we've been

For decades, the state has allowed sentencing judges wide discretion - too much discretion, perhaps. So in 1979 the state Supreme Court set up an advisory committee and in 1984 adopted "sentencing guidelines" based on what the bulk of judges actually were doing.

In 1988 the high court adopted the guidelines by order. A judge could depart from the guidelines but would have to justify his departure in writing.

Two problems emerged. The Supreme Court hesitated to make the guidelines too strict because its action lacked the force of law enacted by the

Legislature. And it didn't consider the effect on state prison capacity and local jail budgets.

Matters came to a head in a landmark case from Eaton County in which Judge Richard Schuster ignored the guidelines and threw the book at Scott Milbourn for terrorizing an ex-girlfriend. The Supreme Court, in a 4-3 decision, sent back the case for resentencing. Schuster gave Milbourn the same sentence.

The appellate courts became immersed in a flood of appeals based on sentencing guidelines. So the Legislature began to act.

The 1990s

In 1994 the Legislature set up a sentencing commission to recommend new guidelines. The goal: to make prison sentences proportionate to the

seriousness of the crime, the convict's prior record and prison capacity.

The commission took a 12-3 vote as it approved its report Oct. 22, 1997.

Meanwhile, the Legislature in 1994 passed a "Truth in Sentencing" law ending the practice of "good time" - releasing a well-behaved inmate before he had served his minimum sentence. Often, said the critics, these parolees committed new crimes.

But the Legislature added a feature called "disciplinary time" for breaking prison rules. The inmate's sentence could actually be lengthened, not by a judge but by a prison official, for violating prison rules. Inmates call these "flops."

From 1982 to date, the state prison population more

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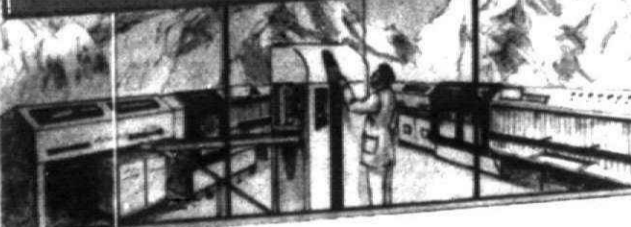


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than tripled, from around 13,000 to 43,000. Social critics say the U.S., with Michigan as a typical state, puts a greater percentage of its population behind bars than almost any country in the world except Russia. Political candidates this year spent a lot of time arguing about whether to just keep building more prisons or to release less dangerous inmates. At the same time, the Legislature softened the 1978 '650 drug lifer law,' under which young 'mules' in the drug trade were getting automatic life sentences with no hope of parole. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the law's constitutionality, but a majority of people thought it was too harsh. The new laws After long debates, the Senate and House Judiciary Committees produced a set of bills that passed muster in both chambers and were signed by the governor - but still have an "indeterminate" effect on the prison population. Public Acts 315-317 enumer-

ated felony crimes and set sentencing guidelines that take effect for crimes committed after Jan. 1, 1999. The same laws extend those guidelines to all crimes committed on and after Dec. 15, 2000. They delete the Department of Corrections' ability to issue "flops" - additions to an inmate's sentence for violating departmental rules. Instead, the inmate's prison record will be reviewed by the parole board when he is considered for parole. PA 319 modifies the 650-lifer law. It requires a prison sentence of at least 20 years for intent to deliver 650 grams of cocaine or similar narcotics. Two drugs are added to the list. PA 311-312 amend the penal code to increase penalties for larceny, property damage and bad check offenses. PA 320 requires inmates to earn a high school diploma or general education development (GED) certificate as a condition of parole. (It won't apply to those over age 65.) Lansing hasn't heard the last of this issue, because inmates complain that schooling opportunities are too limited for the GED requirement to be realistic. Judges' view In handing out sentences, circuit judges will deal with a "grid" of offenses and conditions. They will have some leeway, but less than in the past, in sending convicts to prison. Here's a simplified outline: On one side of the grid, PA 317 classifies more than 700 offenses into nine crime classes. Some attempted crimes are included. The old Supreme Court guidelines listed 100 offenses. On another side of the grid are 19 offense variables and seven prior record variables. Was there aggravated use of a weapon? Physical injury to the victim? Psychological injury to the victim or the victim's family? Captivity? Criminal sexual penetration? Alcohol or drug abuse? If a certain crime requires a mandatory minimum sentence, the judge must impose it - no discretion. Prisons are to be used for offenders whose minimum sentence is greater than 18 months.

For short sentences, the convict may be housed in a county jail. The law requires the Department of Corrections to reimburse counties for jail use. The Legislature will get a chance to debate this in the annual Department of Corrections budget bill. How will all these changes affect the Corrections budget and prison population? The Senate Fiscal Agency quotes Dr. Charles Ostrom of Michigan State University and Dr. James Austin of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Their projection shows a 1,323-inmate increase over baseline year 2007. But many variables are at work - the parole rate, the effects of creating new crimes, judges' behavior. The projections assume that, on average, prisoners will serve 13 percent additional time beyond their minimum sentence for disciplinary infractions. But that's up to the parole board. That's why the effect of this year's new laws is, in the Senate Fiscal Agency's words, "indeterminate."

State battle heats up over revenue sharing

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.home.comcast.net Business people are weighing in on behalf of older cities to preserve their state-shared revenue. It promises to be a fight down to the closing hours of the Michigan Legislature. The Republican-controlled Senate in June passed a bill that cuts Detroit's share and gives more to growing suburban cities and townships (SB 1181). The House has passed HB 5989 giving Detroit \$62.5 million a year for the next six years. "Revenue sharing should reward those municipal governments that attempt to keep taxes low, provide efficient services and improve economic competitiveness," said Sarah Hubbard of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. She was joined by Gretchen Couraud of the Lansing Regional Chamber and Kevin Korpi of the Michigan Chamber. In a State Capitol news conference, they called for a new and "more evenly weighted formula" protecting cities with old infrastructure. Born in 1971, state revenue sharing has rewarded cities with "high local tax effort" - specifically Detroit with its high property taxes, personal income taxes on commuters and residents, and utilities tax. Critics - usually conservative Republicans and the Michigan Townships Association - say it amounts to looting the treasury to reward high taxes and inefficient bureaucracy. The chambers actually appear to be steering a middle course by giving more state aid to cities that cut taxes and become more efficient, particularly in the permitting process. Korpi of the state chamber said he had no new formula but encouraged work on a formula that would "encourage better utilization of existing infrastructure and discourage unplanned growth into undeveloped areas." Pat McAvoy of the Michigan Townships Association denounced the chambers' Please see BATTLE, A13

STATE CAPSULES

The Michigan Supreme Court this week is hearing oral arguments in several major cases, including: Straus vs. Governor - State Board of Education President Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, is seeking to overturn two 1996 executive orders stripping the elected State Board of much of its power. Straus won in Ingham Circuit Court but lost in the Court of Appeals. Currently, the Supreme Court has a 4-3 Democratic majority, but Republicans assume 4-3 control after Jan. 1. People vs. Carlin - Gerald Carlin was a captain in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and was charged in two cases with 20 counts of misconduct, including destruction of records. People vs. Coutu - Several Oakland sheriff's deputies, officials and guards were charged with misconduct in operating the county's work-release facility. A district judge dismissed the charges and was affirmed by the circuit court and Court of Appeals.

Makeshift: Copy desk supervisor Barry Jensen uses an emergency light and one of few working phone lines to call employees to schedule later work shifts. The Observer newspaper plant lost power at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday. Some editions were delayed and classified sections were printed elsewhere.



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Power outage darkens Observer, production delayed

The Observer Newspapers were not immune from the power outages Tuesday, caused by the high winds. Pressmen, advertising, production and editorial staff at the Observer office in Livonia lost several hours of production time after power went out at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday. Detroit Edison crews worked to successfully restore power Wednesday morning. Canton, Farmington, Livonia and Plymouth Observer editions were expected to be printed first, one hour later than usual on Wednesday. Garden City, Redford and Westland editions may be delayed. The outage also delayed printing of the Michigan Chronicle, a Detroit newspaper printed by the Observer, according to Jim Jimmerson, O&E production manager. "Starting at 3 a.m., we started making arrangements for auxiliary generator power," Jimmerson said. "We ordered two generators to get computers and lights 'turned on.'" Readers may notice the classified section in Thursday's editions looks different because it was printed elsewhere. Since power was restored, production is expected to be back to normal for the Sunday editions.

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Sheriff starts online bureau

By KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.home.comcast.net Wayne County Sheriff's has started an Internet crime bureau that has resulted in its first arrest. Sheriffs arrested a 34-year-old Detroit man at a Hamtramck donut shop Monday evening, after sheriffs had monitored his chat room conversations for the past four months. The suspect believed he was luring a 14-year-old into sexual activity, while in reality a sheriff's 'cyber-cop' was assuming the role of a young female on the Internet. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano believes law enforcement agencies need to work together to resolve this global problem. "Currently there are 10 million children spending time on the Internet," Ficano said. "By the year 2002, 45 million will be on-line." "Children tend to be trusting and reveal a lot of information about themselves. They may be led to believe a person (online) is 100 miles away when they actually may be just around the corner." Ficano wouldn't comment on how many officers will be dedicated to fighting Internet crime, which he called Michigan's first on-line Internet crime bureau. He urged parents to take an active role in protecting their children from Internet predators. "Some (predators) are soliciting young girls and asking them to scan naked pictures of themselves, and they are sending them ways to scan the pictures and how to do so without parents or police knowing about it," Ficano said. Ficano said Wayne County Sheriff's are working with agencies in Canada, Michigan and Florida on suspected Internet crimes. The Michigan Sheriff's Association has started to work as a central group in the fight against Internet crime. Ficano added the crime is every bit as dangerous as a stalker or someone making harassing phone calls to a teenager. Ficano had tips for parents concerned about their child's use of the Internet. Put the computer in a central location in the home. Learn the computer's capability. Limit a child's hours in using the computer. Monitor on-line activity. Consider installing a filtering device, which is not guaranteed to be foolproof. Ficano noticed how easy it was to access chatrooms by watching his daughter use the computer. One day Ficano booted the machine and discovered how easily accessible pornographic sites were. "The truth is that 'on-line' child sexual predators have access to our home at any given time," Ficano said. "While a parent is viewing television in one room, an Internet intruder could be lurking in the next."

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be continuous growth in population (up 721,000) and households (up 427,000). "Employment will grow between 1995 and 2010, for a gain of 310,000 jobs, but for the subsequent 15 years, employment will be flat." What's happening is that the baby boomers - those born after the low-birth period of World War II - will begin to reach retirement age in 2010. They had fewer kids than their parents. Here is the regional forecast for typical age groups in 1995 and 2025: Age 16-17 - up 2 percent from 462,000 to 445,000. Age 25-34 - down nearly 9 percent from 750,000 to 685,000. Age 35-54 - down nearly 17 percent from 775,000 to 646,000. Age 65-74 - up more than 86 percent from 333,000 to 621,000. The 55-64 and 75-and older groups also show increases in the 83 to 92 percent ball-parks. SEMCOG delegates - city, township and county officials from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Monroe counties - greeted the forecasts in silence and routinely adopted the report. Next step will be for SEMCOG's data advisory council to work on small area components of the regional forecast. Roads added The General Assembly amended its 2020 regional transportation plan to add \$17.2 million for engineering costs in mostly free-way work. Among the additions: I-75 from Square Lake to Featherstone roads in central

Oakland County - \$1.2 million. M-59 at Crooks in central Oakland County - upgrade interchange - \$8 million. US-23 - widen to six lanes in area north of Ann Arbor - \$3.7 million. Crystal ball Gloria Jeff, Detroit-based assistant secretary of Transportation in the Clinton administration, painted a buoyant picture of southeastern Michigan in the 30 years between now and 2028. "Thirty years ago, in 1968, America and southeastern Michigan were in tremendous turmoil" as President Johnson dropped out of the campaign. Interstate highways were still on the drawing boards, tanks patrolled Detroit streets during the riot, and auto plants were still booming, she recalled. For 2028, she predicted rapid intercity rail from Metro Airport, thriving communities in Hamtramck, Dearborn, Port Huron and Inkster; a thriving downtown and theater district in Detroit; a region known for manufacturing and technology; just 3 percent unemployment; an expanding medical complex; "havens" in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks because of shorter work weeks; and women chief executives at General Motors and Ford Motor Co. Jeff's prediction about women CEOs brought cheers from a portion of the audience. "Your challenge is to pro-act and create that future," Jeff said. "The future is not something that happens to you. The future is something you make."

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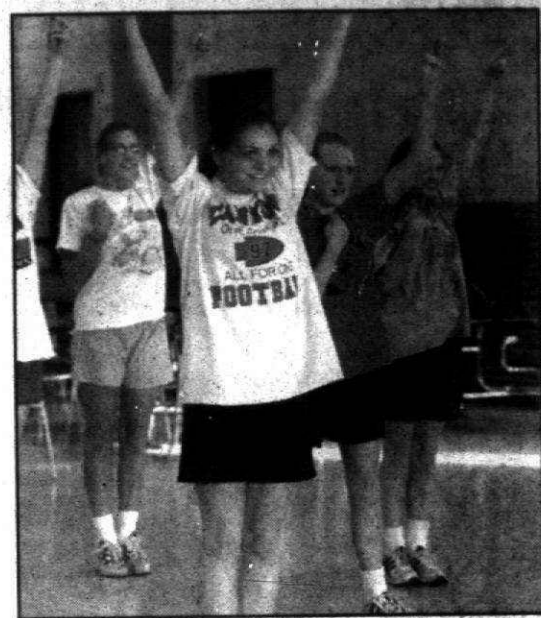
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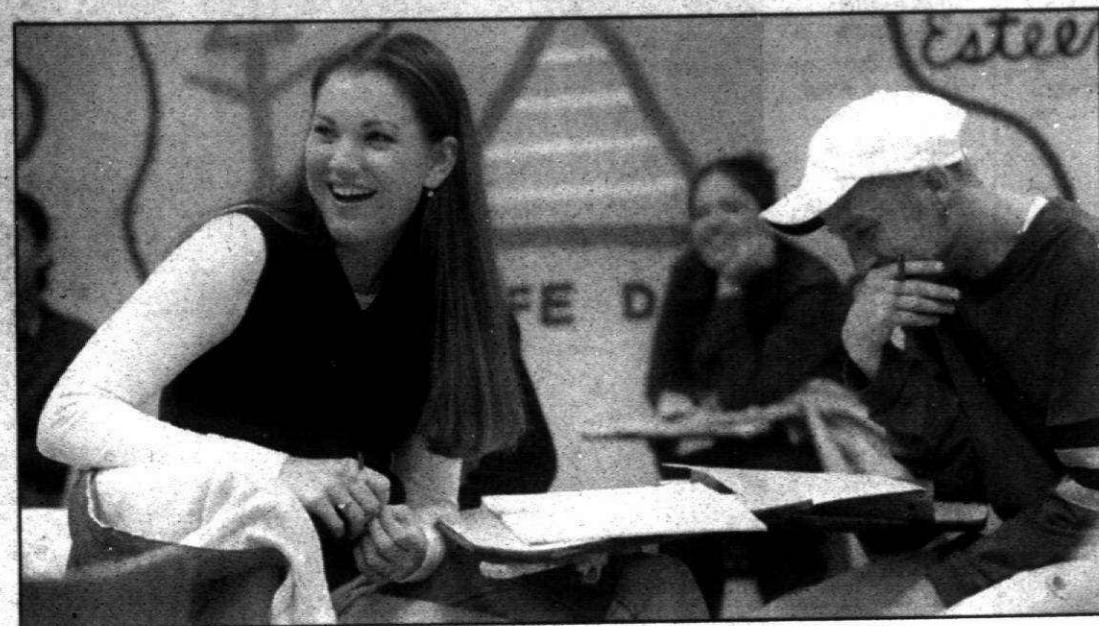
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Canton student stays busy in school and out

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in the final seconds," said Katie. "It was exciting. We all went on the field and the guys were crying. It was just a good feeling. It's sad it's all over, but it will be good to remember my last game that way."

Extra commitments
In between she's helping elementary students at Miller and Tonda, where she is a D.A.R.E. role model, taking part in a leadership conference, and giving some of her time at First Step, a domestic violence shelter.

Along with the fun and community service comes the tough decisions of a senior... planning for the future.
"I've been accepted to Western, Central and Eastern," said Katie of her opportunities at in-state universities. "I have some scholarship opportunities at Central, but I'm leaning towards Western because they have an occupational therapy program."

Katie said she feels some pressure in having to decide now what she's going to do for the rest of her life.

"It's hard dealing with what I want to do with my life. I'm not prepared to decide it," said Katie. "I haven't had to give it that much thought before. But now you have to make a decision that will affect you so much. It's a reality check."

"I think schools could do a better job of preparing us for the options in life."

Oct. 7



On the go: Top left, Oct. 1 - Plymouth Canton High School senior Katie Tolbert practices with her teammates, the Chieftes pompon squad after school in the cafeteria. Top right, Oct. 7 - Katie and classmate Doug Koontz react to a role-playing exercise in their Human Relations class with teacher Chris Mayo. Above, Oct. 7 - Chieftes Julie Rotramel, Katie, Cheryl Custer, Jackie Custer and Justine Blazer gather prior to practice to check out pictures one of them shot at homecoming the previous Friday.

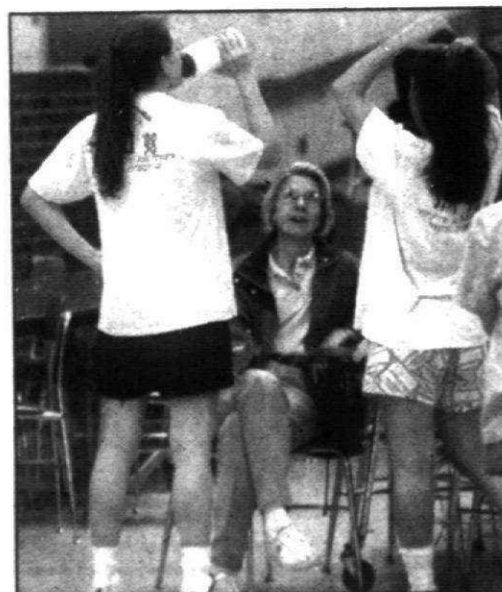
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Showtime: Far left, Oct. 2 - Katie and her fellow Chieftes entertain the crowd during half-time of the Canton homecoming football game against Northville. Above, Oct. 1 - Katie meets with her guidance counselor, Fred Libbing, to discuss her classload, academic requirements and schedule. During the meeting, Katie learned that she had been accepted to Western Michigan University after Libbing phoned the school to check on the status of her application. At left, Oct. 7, Katie takes a break and visits with her mom, Marnie Holdefer, during practice.

New hire

84 Lumber, the nation's largest privately owned building materials retailer has hired Sean Heck, as a Manager Trainee at the 84 Lumber in Ann Arbor. Heck, a native of Canton, graduated from Canton High School in 1990, and went on to graduate from Eastern Michigan University in 1998. He is the son of Robert and Erma Heck of Canton and Sterling Heights, Mich. As a manager trainee, Heck is responsible for sales, estimating and material takeoffs, performing in-store merchandising, developing a trade relations program and maintaining store and yard appearance.



Heck

Motor Carrier officers, and one civilian member. The Ypsilanti Post provides full law enforcement services to local police and public safety agencies in Washtenaw County.

Moranty enlisted with the department in 1982 as a member of the 97th Recruit School and was first assigned to the Hackson Post. In 1983, she transferred to the Erie Post. In 1987, she became a detective trooper and was assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Section, Special Investigation Unit, Livonia. While in Livonia, F/Lieutenant Moranty spent time in the Narcotics and the Conspiracy Crimes sections as well and in Detroit.

During her career she has held the ranks of trooper, detective trooper, detective sergeant, lieutenant, detective lieutenant, and first lieutenant.

F/Lieutenant Moranty is a native of Dearborn Heights. She currently resides in Canton.

Police promotion

Michigan State Police Director, Col. Michael D. Robinson announced that F/Lt. Beth L. Moranty of Canton is the new commander of the Ypsilanti Post. She had previously been assigned to the Second District Regional Dispatch.

In her new position, she is responsible for the daily activities of 34 enlisted officers, two

Driver honored

Jerry Ahmet, of Miesel/Sysco Food service Company in Canton was honored recently at a special luncheon by the Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC). The MTSC was celebrating its 10th year in operation and honored Ahmet, who was the first truck driver in the state to hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

According to Sean McCausland, transportation manager for Miesel/Sysco: "Jerry is a good driver and very service-oriented. Jerry is very safety conscious and I believe he has never been in an accident. Safety is our top priority here."

Ahmet began driving for Miesel/Sysco in 1977. The company is the largest wholesale food distributor in the U.S. Its Canton terminal has more than 115 loaded trucks leave its bays each day to deliver food in Southeast Michigan.

Teacher recognized

A local recipient of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports Awards was honored at a statewide awards dinner last month at the Lansing Center.

Ron Callison, a Hoben Elementary School teacher, received an Exemplary Physical Education Award.

This award is given to both individuals and school districts that have developed and implemented excellent physical education programs. It's based on a ladder system in which recipients may move from level 1 to level 8. Callison was a level 1 winner.

Top physician in U.S.

Dr. John C. Eggenberger, a Canton resident, was one of the 58 physicians from Henry Ford Hospital who were named "Best Doctors in America 1999."

The listing is based on an annual nationwide survey of more than 35,000 doctors by Woodward/White, a professional rating organization based on South Carolina.

Eagle Scout achievement

Shawn Bernard, a ninth-grader at Plymouth Canton High School, recently earned the Eagle rank in boy scouting.

Bernard began the Scout pro-

gram with Tiger Cubs. He joined Boy Scout Troop 1539 in March 1995 and attained the Eagle rank in July 1998.

His Eagle project consisted of building 36 animal shelters which have been placed along the Lower Rouge River basin in Canton. The shelters include houses for barred owls, bats, flickers, American kestrels, nuthatches and wood ducks. Some winter roosting shelters were also made for chickadees.

Bernard worked with John Polhill from OMI Inc. to secure

money from OMI's community fund, buy the building materials, and prepare the materials for assembly.

Jeff Sanford, Konrad Lyngvar, from Troop 1539 worked many hours to cut and package all of the materials for later assembly. Bernard had many other smaller work periods to assemble the shelters.

People from Cub Scout Pack 1539, Boy Scout Troop 1539 and Shawn's cousins did most of the assembly.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 7, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

McCARTY/KORINA/JABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 020 99 0005 000 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 020 99 0004 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Gyle Road between Beck and Ridge Roads.



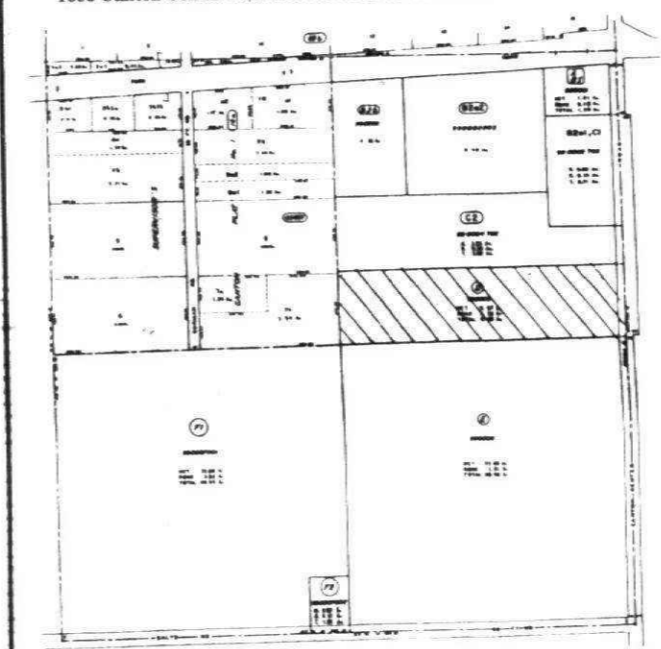
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: November 12 and 25, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Township Board will meet at 7:00 P.M., November 24, 1998 at the Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road to conduct a public hearing regarding the following:
Consideration will be given to the request submitted by LaShiah Inc. for a new full year Class C Liquor License restaurant to be located at 1699 Canton Center N., Parcel No. 061-99-0003-703



Local legislative approval is required for new and transferring on-premise licenses by Section 436.17 of the Michigan Liquor Control Act. Township Ordinance No. 114 requires that a public hearing be held. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any concerns they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: November 12, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CHERRY HILL VILLAGE AREA DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS, AND MARKET DEMAND STUDY

The Charter Township of Canton will accept proposals at the Planning Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, until 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 23, 1998, for the services of a consultant to produce development regulations, architectural standards, and a market demand study of the Cherry Hill Area.

The Request for Proposal describes this project and the scope of services and is available in the Planning Services Division at the above address. Questions may be directed to the Planning Services Division, 734-397-5388. Late proposals will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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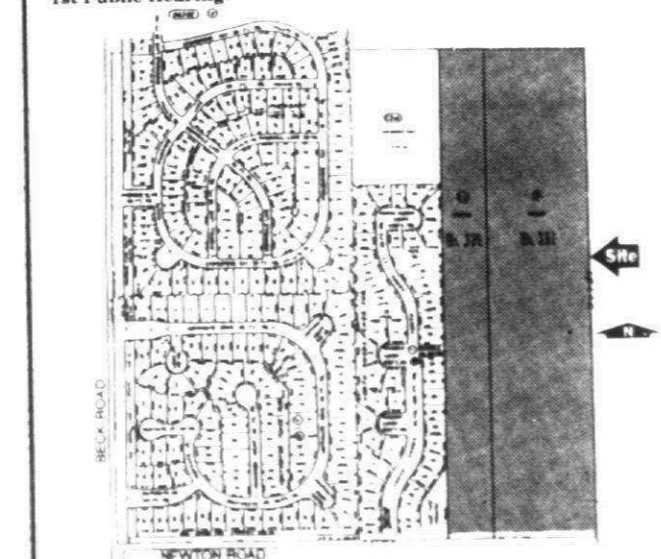
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THE LINKS OF PHEASANT RUN WEST PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 110 99 0001 000 AND 110 99 0002 000. Properties are located on the north side of Newton Road east of Beck Road. (Preliminary Plan-1st Public Hearing)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Canton Observer OPINION

794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1998

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Realistic approach Theater plans wisely proposed

When plans surfaced two years ago for a regional performing arts center in Canton, we were skeptical. Certainly, the idea had merit. But wasn't the township spreading itself a little thin, what with the recently completed Summit and all sorts of talk about ice arenas and other recreation facilities? Isn't this a community still trying to get a handle on growth and - after two failed ballot measures - still looking at ways to pay for roads?

All that aside, the Observer is impressed with the approach local leaders have taken in trying to move the project to the drawing board and beyond. Although still in its preliminary stages, a workable framework for construction and operation of a 500-800-seat theater is taking shape. The effort is being guided by a Canton Community Foundation steering committee and includes input from all sorts of arts-oriented organizations, as well as representatives from township government and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Two feasibility studies have been completed, the most recent by Growth Design Corp. The Milwaukee-based company asked local business and industry leaders about the need for a facility and its prospects for success. An earlier study by Plante Moran convinced the steering committee to scale back plans for a larger theater.

Local officials have done a good job in sounding out the community, seeing where support exists for such a facility and identifying users. Groups showing an interest and participating in discussions include the Canton Project ARTS, the Plymouth Symphony,

Plymouth Community Chorus and Plymouth Theatre Guild.

The next step is developing a business plan and finding the right people to head up the project, which most likely would be run by a private, nonprofit entity.

The township has informally committed \$2 million to construction, which could run in the \$5-\$8 million range for the kind of facility steering committee members are talking about. A site on school district property, adjacent to the new high school on Beck, is also a possibility.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who backs the idea of a performing arts center, has smartly said the township won't be an ongoing financial participant when it comes to operating the facility, though. Canton is already involved in negotiations to buy the privately owned Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue and last year the township put together a public-private partnership (mostly through a land deal) to build an ice arena and sports complex on Haggerty. The Summit, which was built with landfill tipping fees, has yet to break even on annual operating costs.

Talking to community leaders, it becomes clear that they have put any grandiose notions aside in a commitment to achieve the possible. Dreams have been tempered with a good dose of reality.

While construction of a regional performing arts center in Canton is still years away, behind-the-scenes planning has been done in a thorough, realistic manner that makes it easier for us to believe the project can be a success.

Control carries responsibility

Nov. 3 was a bad day for political prophets.

Bill Ballenger of Inside Michigan Politics fame predicted: "Higher education board - It should be an 8-0 Republican sweep, especially if (Gov. John) Engler reaches 65 percent, although SBE (State Board of Education) incumbent Barbara Roberts Mason may manage to survive the deluge. So might sitting U-M Regent Phil Power."

Steve Mitchell at Mitchell Research & Communications Inc. in East Lansing: "The Republicans will win all eight board seats this year."

Result: Republicans won five of eight posts. Although three Democrats won statewide education posts, Mason and Power weren't among them.

Mitchell: "I predict a voter turnout of 2.8 million, down slightly from the 3.1 million who voted in 1994." Result: The vote for governor was 3.02 million, which is lower than the actual number who went to the polls since an estimated 3.5 percent didn't vote for either gubernatorial candidate.

Mitchell: "I predict that Gov. Engler will win with 65 percent of the vote or about 1,820,000." Result: Engler got 62.3 percent though Mitchell was fairly close to the raw number: 1,882,000.

Mitchell: "I believe John Smietanka will squeak out a narrow victory (for attorney general)."

Ballenger: "Everything points to a cliffhanger... If Engler breaks 65 percent, Smietanka could win; if the governor doesn't, Granholm has the edge." Result: Ballenger was closer. Engler was under 65 percent, and Granholm won.

Mitchell: "I still believe the GOP may gain one or two seats (in Congress from Michigan) this year. The most vulnerable Democrats are Sander Levin (12th), Dave Bonior (10th), Lynn Rivers (13th), Debbie Stabenow (8th) and Dale Kildee (9th)."

Ballenger: "Don't count on it, although the GOP appears to have closed the gap somewhat in the 12th... IMP's best guess: it'll still be a 10-6 Democratic majority after Nov. 3."

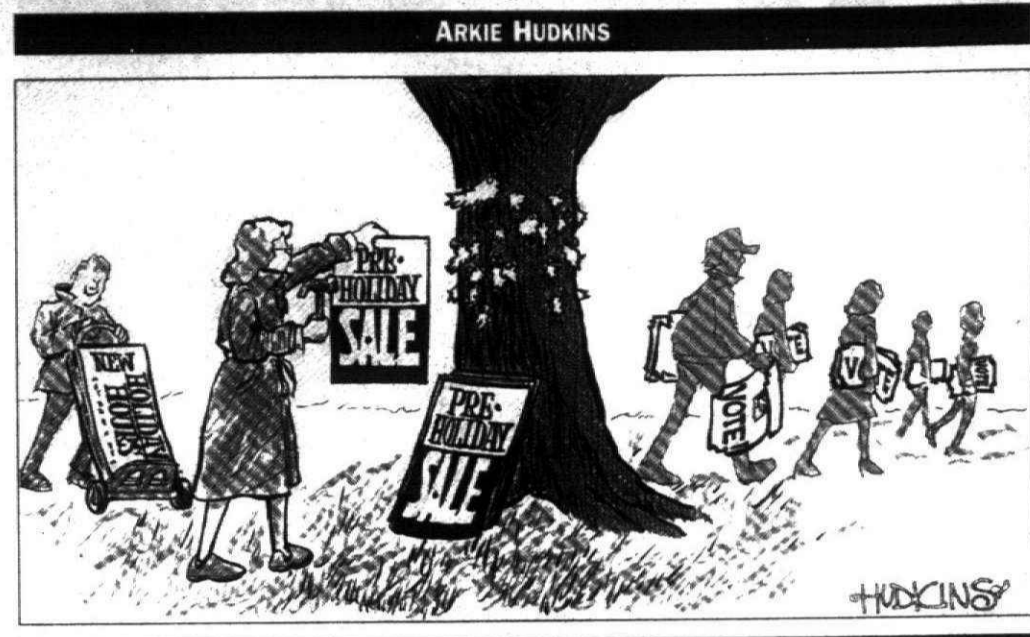
Result: Democrats held the congressional delegation by 10-6. But give Mitchell credit for predicting the raw Republican vote would top the Democrats' by about 100,000.

We report this to bring voters up to date, not to scoff at political pundits who were amazingly close to correct numbers in an amazingly close election at the middle and bottom of the ticket.

What is significant for the reader is that for the first time since 1983, all three branches of government - the governor, both branches of the Legislature and the Supreme Court - are under the control of one party. U.S. voters have enjoyed playing tricks on the federal government, electing Democratic Congresses with Republican presidents Reagan and Bush, and giving President Clinton a Republican Congress after two years.

Michigan voters have played the same trick, giving Democrats full control for only one year from 1983-90 and giving Republicans very narrow margins for just two years of Engler's eight.

As of 1999, one party will be in charge in Lansing. Voters no longer can play tricks by electing a divided government. The next two years will be time for party responsibility.



LETTERS

Give Vorva a salute

I was just 11 years old when WWII broke out and along with everyone I knew, we were extremely proud that those who were serving in the armed forces were fighting to insure that our rights as Americans were preserved. Even if they were never specifically told that, that was one of the reasons they were serving. I'm sure that at some point in their service, that fact was brought up one way or another. I know in my own case, several years later, I was certainly well aware that preserving our rights as Americans was part of the need to serve.

The reason for my letter is to let it be known how very disappointed I am that the VFW, American Legion and Vietnam Veterans organizations have not come out in support of Mr. Vorva and his contention that all voters who voted in the last bond election should expect that their votes be counted. After all, isn't that what we served for? I find it hard to believe that none of the 716 lost votes were not cast by veterans or relatives of veterans who should be screaming from the house tops, "How many lives and how much blood was shed for those 716 votes?"

To the many who are members of those organizations which supposedly espouse our rights as Americans, I would like to say that you may not like Mr. Vorva for some reason, but that's really immaterial. What's important is his willingness to buck the crowd who says to the casters of the 716 lost votes, "Tough luck, but you don't count."

Come on, you guys and gals who served, don't be hypocrites, let everyone know what we served for.

Thanks, Jerry, and here's one veteran who gives you a capital "S" Salute.

Ed Smith
Plymouth Township

Binsfeld applauded for work

Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. This is an honor not only for the lieutenant governor, but also for the countless women and children whose lives she has helped to make fuller and richer.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize women whose leadership has changed the course of history in Michigan and, on a larger scale, advanced the role of women in society. The lieutenant governor has opened many doors for other women seeking futures in politics. She was the first woman to hold positions of leadership and authority in the House, Senate and Executive Office. Perhaps the ground work has now been laid for the ambitious woman who one day hopes to hold the office of the President of the United States of America. Connie Binsfeld has proven that

women are not only capable of succeeding in politics, but excelling as well.

The Michigan Women's Commission applauds the work of the Michigan Women's Studies Association for honoring outstanding individuals by inducting them into the Hall of Fame. Lt. Gov. Binsfeld has been a driving force in securing safe and fulfilling futures for Michigan's women and children since 1978, when she introduced the state's first domestic violence legislation. She went on to earn respect and admiration of her fellow politicians, becoming one of only a handful of female lawmakers of the time. In 1979, and again in 1981, she was elected assistant Republican leader in the House of Representatives. She was later elected as Assistant Majority Leader her first year in the Senate. She was re-elected several times to serve four terms in the state House and two terms in the state Senate. Thanks to her hard work and unflinching determination, Michigan has been a leader in the nation on issues of adoption, domestic violence, and juvenile and surrogacy laws.

Eight other women were inducted into the Hall of Fame along with the lieutenant governor on Oct. 22: Hilda Patricia Curran, Marie Dye, Ph.D., Eleanor M. Josaitis, Dorrie Ellen Rosenblatt, Ph.D., M.D., Ella Merriman Sharp, Martha Jean ("The Queen") Steinberg, Ruth Thompson, and Lily Tomlin.

Kathy DeGrow
executive director
Michigan Women's Commission

Don't trust Clinton

Forget the old saw, whatever it was. You can fool most of the people most of the time.

Maybe Clinton's rating remains high because so many of those polled used illegal drugs and chatted on their wives. Maybe they can't live with the fact that they made a mistake voting for a man who for 22 years has abused his wife and child. Yes, a man who has sexual relations with other women other than his wife abuses those in his family.

Neil Goodbread
Livonia

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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Big Labor's grip on the state Democratic Party is loosening

Look for a sea change in the Michigan Democratic Party early in 1999, the biggest change in 50 years.

In 1948, G. Mennen Williams won the gubernatorial nomination with help from Walter Reuther's UAW. That group rewrote state politics and social policy.

Big Labor will continue to be a major player but without its iron fist in a steel glove. The AFL-CIO - including the United Auto Workers, Michigan Federation of Teachers and AFSCME - fielded a 1994 gubernatorial candidate who lost disastrously. Big Labor's choice for the nomination didn't even win the 1998 primary.

To the labor-dominated party, Nov. 3, 1998 was like Moby Dick's sinking of the whaling ship "Pequod." All perished at the bulk of the Engler white whale save one Ishmael, Jennifer

Granholm, the attorney general candidate.

Why? Big Labor itself has changed. No longer do industrial workers dominate. Huge blocs of UAW members actually come from the field of state social workers. And Republican Gov. John Engler has pared social workers from the state payroll with welfare changes.

Geoffrey Fieger declared there is no Democratic Party. He exaggerated only a little.

Yet Democratic candidates as a group ran only 100,000 votes behind out of three million cast this year. They can't all be union people. Some are managers, accountants, architects, nurses, store owners, roofers, payroll clerks, retirees, even a newspaper company owner.

So who will make this sea change that is so obviously building up?



TIM RICHARD

Geoff Fieger is unlikely to be a major player. There are some people around him, however, who may try to do to the Michigan Democratic Party what George Romney did to the GOP in 1962 and Dick Headlee did in 1982.

Former Gov. Jim Blanchard will be around. "We need a strong, grassroots organization that needs to move out. That's why I formed the New Century Fund," he said election night.

His fund helped many candidates.

Ed McNamara, the Wayne County exec who crowned Granholm, will have a role. Lansing Mayor David Hollister may assert himself. "Elected leaders need to step up and take control of the Democratic Party," said lame-duck state Rep. Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti on election night. "Elected people control the Republican Party. But you don't have elected people in control of the Democratic Party."

Many others apparently agree. A day later, a Lansing lobbyist passed along a tip: Look for elected officials to back outgoing Democratic floor leader Pat Gagliardi for state chair early in 1999.

In the 1970s, the Michigan Education Association was bidding for a dominant role. But because it backed an occasional Republican, MEA found

itself denounced as "whores" by the AFL-CIO president. It may reassert itself, especially as Engler continues to alienate the 40 percent of MEA members who have voted Republican.

Granholm? She'll have her hands full keeping Engler from chopping her regulatory budget and finding child care. Besides, her Berkeley-Harvard mind is so mired in the sociology of the 1960s and '70s - linking "criminals and big corporations" - that she's out of step with the new direction set by Blanchard, Dennis Archer and Doug Ross.

If a party so narrowly run can come within 100,000 votes, think what would happen if a few visionaries made changes.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

This world trade treaty is bad news for just about all of us

Today, 51 of the world's largest 100 economies are corporations.

These huge transnational corporations (TNCs) wield tremendous influence over our politics, media, economy, environment and culture. The growth of power has reached a point where TNCs seriously threaten democracy!

Our government is currently negotiating a world trade treaty called the Multilateral Agreement for Investment (MAI). This is being done in conjunction with 29 of the world's wealthiest nations through a group called the Organization for Economic and Cooperative Development (OECD), aka the "Rich Nation's Club."

MAI has been termed the corporate bill of rights and "NAFTA on steroids." It elevates TNCs to equal status with nations. In the language of the treaty, TNCs are called "investors." MAI gives "investors" many protections and no accountability.

Investors can sue nations, states, provinces, counties and cities to compensate them for any government action that might cause them to lose money because of restrictions on how they use their property. This is called "expropriation" and can include historical designation zoning, air pollution controls or even laws for public safety.

Laws, regulations, policies or any other government actions can be challenged by investors through a mechanism called the "Investor-State dispute settlement process." These disputes are heard by an international arbitration panel created by the treaty. The decisions of the panel are binding. Only the federal government can defend a challenge, not an affected state or local government.

Under MAI, governments can be liable for enacting "performance requirements" like, say, a tax abatement for hiring a percentage of local

workers. Governments are at risk for procurement policies like buying products from local businesses. If a policy has the effect of excluding a foreign investor, then government may have to pay compensation.

The treaty contains language for "rollback" and "standstill" for existing or future laws that reduce an investor's potential profitability. Some laws may need to be changed, remain unchanged or eliminated.

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Canada discovered that indeed it would be forced to pay this compensation. They settled out of court and paid \$10 million for Ethyl's legal costs, repealed the law and issued a formal apology to Ethyl.

MAI offers a much broader definition of "expropriation" than NAFTA. You've probably never heard of MAI. Corporate-owned mainstream press

has reported almost nothing about it. Negotiations began in July of 1995. Sitting auspiciously at the table were representatives from 447 of the world's 500 largest corporations.

Not sitting at the negotiating table were representatives for labor, small business, local government, the environment, human rights or developing countries.

The OECD expected to finish the treaty and send it to negotiating nations for ratification last April. As the details of the MAI circulated in the real world, opposition mounted very quickly. Too many objections led to a postponement until this October. Thanks to the speed of the Internet, citizen groups were able to organize hefty opposition.

Scott Heinzman of Livonia is a co-founder of the Metro Detroit Alliance for Democracy (AfD) chapter. AfD is dedicated to reducing corporate power and establishing a real democracy. He can be reached at (734) 462-2423.

State Democrats face battle in reaching voters' hearts, minds

It must be something in the water.

How else to explain the disconnect between the state of politics in Michigan and what's going on elsewhere in the country.

For Michigan Republicans, Gov. John Engler, running implausibly but effectively as a moderate conservative pragmatist, rolled up nearly a 2-1 margin over Geoffrey Fieger. The GOP also won wall-to-wall control of the apparatus of government: governor, Senate, House, Supreme Court.

Team Engler is now in a position to determine much of the politics and some of the structure of our state for the next decade. Democrats hope they'll overreach, but I doubt it as long as Engler's in control.

By contrast, the national Republican Party took a terrible beating in last week's election, culminating in the summary knifing of Newt Gingrich (a strategic and policy visionary but a lousy manager). The factional fighting in the GOP - business-oriented moderates, Christian right wingers, compassionate conservatives, hard-edge ideological conservatives - could tear the party apart.

Buoyed by the referendum on impeachment and Ken Starr and chaos in the opposition, the national Democratic Party has come a long way since the days it was preoccupied with making sure there were no enemies on the left. Bill Clinton may possess questionable moral fiber, but his success in moving the Democrats into the middle of the road and opening the party up to various different groups is a fundamental fact of our times.

By contrast, the Michigan Democratic Party seems frozen in amber.

Most people thought big labor couldn't ever do worse than picking inept Howard Wolpe to run for governor in 1994. But then, when neither Doug Ross nor Larry Owen seemed to be getting much traction last summer and former Sen. Don Riegler started making showing signs of interest in running, the folks who run the UAW panicked.

Their premature and ham handed endorsement of Owen didn't set well with most folks and opened the way to Fieger's unexpected victory in the primary and predictable defeat in the general election. Those Democrats who worry about what Team Engler will do over the next few years won't have difficulty in finding



PHILIP POWER

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plenty of folks to blame.

Which is why so many Democrats are talking so much about how important (and how overdue) it is to revitalize the party, "revitalize" in this case being a code word which really means easing Big Labor's grip on it.

"It's clear a complete overhaul of the party is needed," says former Gov. Jim Blanchard. "There are many in the party who are concerned about the need to broaden and strengthen and deepen the party" which is much too "uninclusive," says former Sen. Riegler.

This won't be easy. Obvious candidates to lead the process - Blanchard and newly elected Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, for example - have political ambitions of their own and won't want to alienate the labor movement that still provides most of the resources for the party.

The requirements - developing some attractive ideas, including groups previously kept out and persuading organized labor that it's better to win the occasional election than it is to maintain total control over the Democratic Party - are fairly obvious.

Whether Democrats can come up with a process and find the people with the will and imagination to carry it out is entirely another matter.

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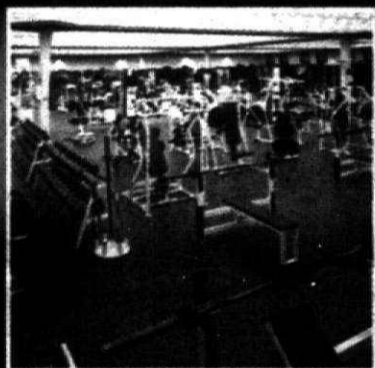
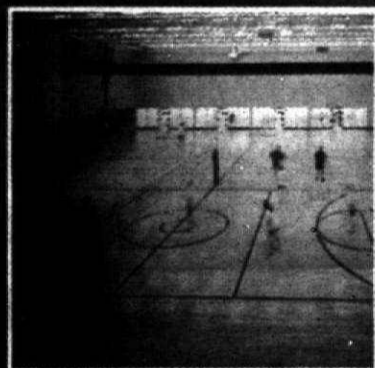
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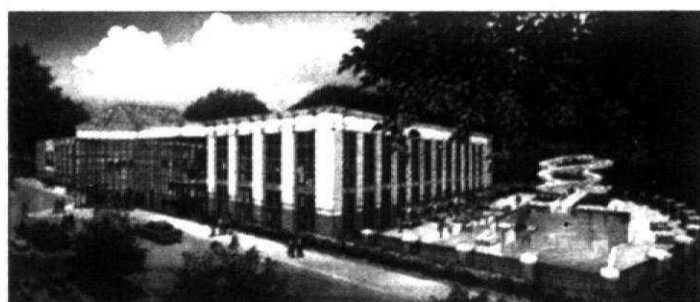
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Homelessness in this age?

Good economy, low interest rates, lower unemployment than ever. That might lead one to believe that on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, today's society doesn't have to deal with a lack of food, clothing, shelter, primal needs that have to be addressed before people can "self-actuate."

But you'd be wrong if you guessed that right here in our own backyard that all your neighbors are doing just fine. And for this reason, Gov. John Engler has designated Nov. 8-14 as Homeless Awareness Week 1998.

Families who are homeless often find respite at local shelters, campgrounds, in cars or abandoned buildings. And often, the only thing they bring with them is a bag full of clothes.

Statewide, more than 750 providers of shelter and services bring help to homeless families and individuals. In the state of Michigan alone, 10,000 people are accommodated in shelters each night. In western Wayne County, the Wayne County Family Center sleeps more than 80 every night.

The reality of homelessness contradicts the stereotypical chronic alcoholic and street person, suffering from mental illness. In fact, studies indicate that more than 25 percent of the homeless are working.

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Play days introduce kids' tracing kits

■ A year ago, Marie Smith decided to market tracing kits that would inspire kids' creativity. The idea has caught on, and now area Jacobson's stores are inviting people to play days to try out the kits.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Creativity among youngsters is lacking, and Plymouth resident Marie Smith wants to do something about it.

To encourage kids to improve their motor skills, Smith, in 1997, created and packaged tracing kits, which include traceable drawings of ice skaters and hockey players.

The line was such a success that she is introducing three new lines - football, soccer and baseball players - during several play days at area Jacobson's stores.

"The children will learn how to play with the new production. Kids can come and draw to their hearts' content," Smith explained. "It's time to go back to the basics. Kids need something they can think about and create."

Andrea Kosiba, the buyer for children's accessories and toys at Jacobson's, said she's not sure how children will react to the product, but she knows that when she was a child, she liked to draw.

"It lets kids use their imagination; that's the best thing," Kosiba said. "They can show their artistic abilities whether they're 4 or 8 or 9. It allows the kids to be more creative and trace something."

"I think it's a very good idea and I think Marie Smith is a wonderful person. She's really nice to work with. Having her wanting to go into the stores and advertise it and have a play day is great."

All kits come with reusable tracing cards, 20 sheets of tracing paper, nine



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Play sessions: Plymouth resident Marie Smith is introducing her new line of tracing kits this month during play days at area Jacobson's stores.

non-toxic colored pencils and a tracing pencil.

Neighbor influence

Smith created the kits after neighborhood kids enjoyed coloring the sketches she drew of ice skaters and hockey players. After awhile, she tired of holding the paper up to the windows and making multiple copies, so she started her own company, Dream Team Tracing Company.

"The kids really liked it, and the more I checked into this, I found that there weren't any art products like this for children," Smith said.

Since starting her company, Smith has hired three sales representatives, one in Michigan and two out of state.

That has allowed her to concentrate on new ideas, including the boys' line and next year's introduction of girls' soccer players, gymnasts, cheerleaders and boys' basketball players.

"There's a need for products geared toward boys; there's not a whole lot offered out there," she said. "The girls, they love to draw and design clothes."

The kits, originally priced at \$10, now sell for \$8.

"I was able to repackage the products. Everything inside is the same. I just passed along the savings to my customers. I think it's more important for more kids to have this at \$8," Smith explained.

Smith's goal is to have them available in all of Jacobson's 23 stores, and

in other chains like Zany Brainy, Noodle Kidoodle, Borders Books and Imaginarium stores.

She chalks up the ability to get the kits in the seven Jacobson's stores - Toledo, Ohio, and Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe, Grand Rapids, Birmingham, Rochester and Livonia - to pure timing.

"I was in the right place at the right time," she said. "I called the (former) buyer in toys, and she was looking for boys products for a sports page in the catalogue. So Jacobson's and I decided to do football and soccer."

Pro sports goal

She is working on licensing the

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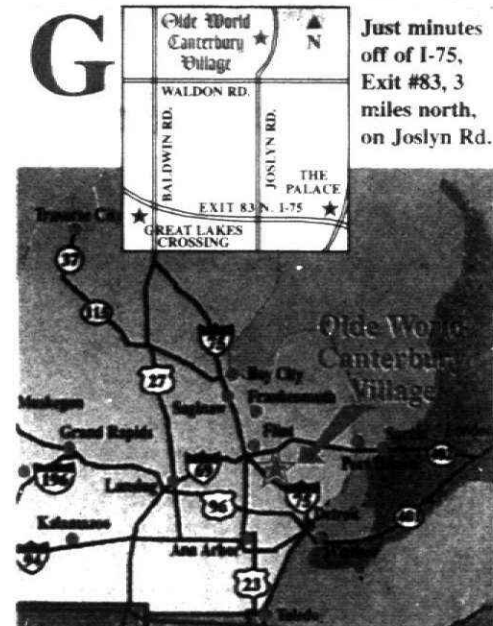
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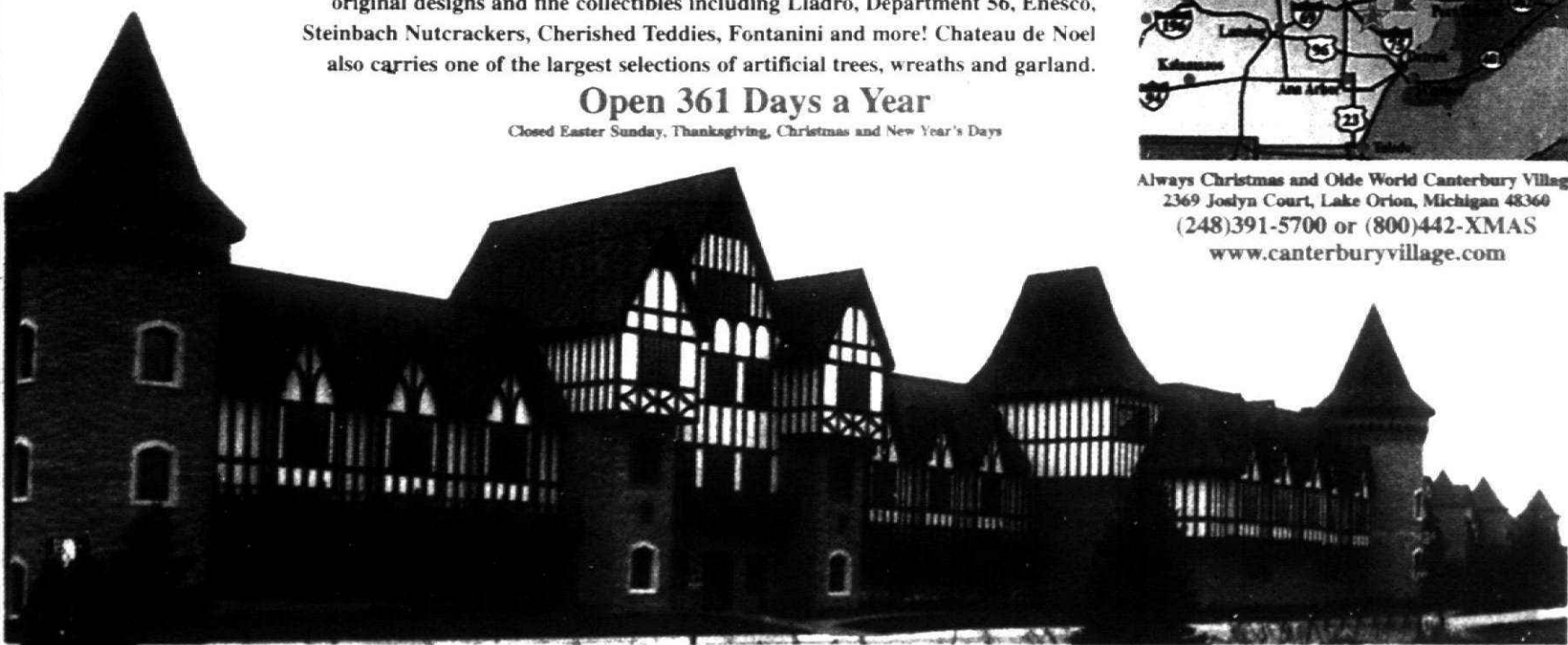
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YWCA selects 6 to be its Women of Achievement

League of their own: Nancy Swanborg (left) and Ouida Cash (right) were the center of attention at a reception for the YWCA of Western Wayne County's 1998 Women of Achievement. Joining them were Charlotte Adams (second from left) and Melinda Clynes.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARRIBE

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Ouida Cash admits she was caught off guard by her nomination. Nancy Swanborg had advanced warning, but was still humbled by it all.

The two women were among six to be recognized as 1998 Women of Achievement by the YWCA of Western Wayne County at a luncheon Friday, Nov. 6, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

The award recognizes women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of western Wayne County.

"It's a very nice thing to be recognized by your peers and to be recognized by other women," said Swanborg, director of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center. "It's often said that women don't know how to boast, roast and toast each other. This is wonderful praise from other women who are working for the betterment of women."

"You don't look for an honor like this and it's nice when it happens," added Cash, chief executive officer of Starfish Family Services, while waiting for the luncheon to start. "It's unusual for me to be caught off guard in such a nice way."

Six categories

Women were honored in six categories, including government/law, volunteer service, arts/communication and young woman. Swanborg was honored in business/industry and Cash in the professions.

Swanborg who was joined by her daughter and son-in-law, Kirsten and Tony Kramer of Grand Rapids, grandson Alex and staff at the luncheon, was nominated by the 15 members of WRC Advisory Board for her work. She has been director of the center since 1989.

The Women's Resource Center helps women and men explore educational, financial, professional and personal opportunities through special programs, support groups and peer counsel.

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products to professional sports teams "to create a much bigger target market."

Then the kids would actually have the (sports) logo inside the kits instead of just tracing them," she said.

Besides Jacobson's, the kits are available in 76 locations in Michigan, including Adventures in Toys in Birmingham, Marmel Toys in Farmington Hills, Toy Wonders of the World in Galled Lake, Warren Toys and Gifts in Farmington, Little Professor in Plymouth, Bee's and Play Ball, both in Westland, Dance World Shop in Livonia, Trader Jacks in Troy, Perani's Hockey Store in Livonia and area ice arenas.

The kits are sold at Friends Gift Shop at the University of Michigan and Mott Children's Hospitals in Ann Arbor, Oakleaf Gift Shop at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and Fontbonne Gift Shop at St. John Hospital in

Come and play

Mario Smith and Jacobson's stores play days with her tracing kits will be:

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Rochester store, 1220 Walton Blvd., (248) 651-6000.

2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Livonia store in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, (734) 591-7896.

3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Ann Arbor store in Briarwood Mall, State Street and I-94, (734) 769-7600.

Detroit.

"It really does well in hospitals because kids can't get out of bed," she said. "They don't have to look for pencils, paper or pencil sharpeners."

This year, Smith's products will be available at the Festival of Trees gift shop at Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center Nov. 22-29.

In looking back at the last year, Smith said her biggest joy

is entertaining children.

"The kids all love them. If I had to think of my greatest reward it would be that the kids have so much fun," she said. "I haven't had any disappointed kids. They look at them like, 'I drew this.' It's really neat to see the look on their face."

"It's something that's important to me. I don't want garbage out there."

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Hayden-Dolinski

Jerry and Wilma Hayden of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Annette, to Jason Michael Dolinski, the son of Michael and Mary Dolinski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as a drawback analyst for Sandler and Travis Trade Advisory Services.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is studying criminal justice at Schoolcraft College. He is employed by Wm. Davis and Associates.



A December wedding is planned at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland.

Kindl-Zylik

William and Elaine Kindl of Downingtown, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lane, to Eric Tremonti, the son of Luigi Tremonti and Vanna DeDona of Grosse Pointe Park.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in telecommunications and film. She is employed as a broadcast talent coordinator at Young and Rubicam Advertising.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a broadcast producer at SMZ Advertising.

A July 1999 wedding is planned at Our Savior National Polish Catholic Church.



Sudek-Saigh

Robert and Beverly Sudek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharlene Marie, to Donald Richard Saigh, the son of Richard and Rita Saigh of St. Clair Shores.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is employed by Staffco Services as a benefits coordinator.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Bishop Gallagher High School and a 1991 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.



He is employed in sales by General Electric. A May wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Mullen-Kaufman

Lisa Marie Kaufman and Kevin Michael Mullen were married July 25 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

The Rev. John Grenfell and Dr. Dean Klump performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Sharon G. Kaufman and the late Dr. John W. Kaufman. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mullen of Canton.

The bride was escorted by her brother, Scott Kaufman. The couple received guests at a reception at Burton Manor in Livonia. Following a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, they are making their home in Canton.



Hackett-Tremonti

Thomas and Willow Hackett of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lane, to Eric Tremonti, the son of Luigi Tremonti and Vanna DeDona of Grosse Pointe Park.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in telecommunications and film. She is employed as a broadcast talent coordinator at Young and Rubicam Advertising.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a broadcast producer at SMZ Advertising.

A December wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



The bride is the daughter of Bill and Sharon Meahan of Westland. The groom is the son of Pedro and Antoinette Perez of Detroit.

Jager-Rais

Rebecca Anne Rais and Timothy Allen Jager were married Aug. 7 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Deborah Ann Rais of Livonia. The groom is the son of Richard and Linda Jager of Imlay City.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in early childhood development.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Imlay City High School and is pursuing a degree in computer-aided design. He is employed by EloPak in New Hudson.

The bride asked Mary Essali to be her maid of honor. Kathleen Hoehn was the flower girl.

The groom asked Don Martin to be his best man. Tyler Hoehn was the ring bearer.

After greeting guests at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland, the couple left on a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas. They are making their home in Westland.



The bride is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is employed by TheraMatrix in Southgate as a physical therapy technician.

Perez-Meahan

Melissa Michelle Meahan and Matthew Ramon Perez were married April 25 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. The Rev. Jack Baker performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Sharon Meahan of Westland. The groom is the son of Pedro and Antoinette Perez of Detroit.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is employed by TheraMatrix in Southgate as a physical therapy technician.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of St. Alphonsus High School, a 1990 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School with a juris doctor degree. He is employed by Compupware in Farmington Hills.

The bride asked Heather L. Meahan to serve as her maid of honor with Jeanette M. Brown as bridesmaid. The groom asked Christopher A. Fowler to serve as his best man with Steven J. Davanzo as groomsmen and Tony Sengor and Matt Pruess as ushers.

The couple received guests at Joy Manor in Westland before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They are making their home in Wayne.



The groom is a 1986 graduate of St. Alphonsus High School, a 1990 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School with a juris doctor degree. He is employed by Compupware in Farmington Hills.

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Under her direction, the WRC has increased its in-person and phone contacts with clients from 9,500 to 20,000 annually, increased the number of scholarships given out 640 percent from 27 to 200 annually and realized increased donations and grant support for its many programs. A licensed medical technologist and social work technician, Swanborg was director of the Gabriel Richard Campus Ministry at Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn and campus minister at Macomb Community College before taking the helm of the WRC.

A Dearborn resident, she received the Susan B. Anthony Award at UM-D in 1989-90 and was named Woman of the Year in 1994 by the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women. She also was a finalist for the Athena Award, presented by the Five Star Chambers of Commerce and received special recognition from the Older Women's League for service and dedication to women's issues.

The work of many

And while the YWCA selected her for this newest honor, she is sharing it with many individuals who work at the center.

"It's very humbling, but one thing I most sincerely believe, it is one honor that recognizes the work of many people that make things happen at the resource center—the advisory board, paid staff and volunteers who have supported my work," she said.

"Ultimately, it's the wonderful ladies who go through the Micro Chips program, and thanks to Schoolcraft College, go into the business world," added advisory board member Charlotte Adams, who spearheaded Swanborg's nomination.

This is the first time Cash was nominated for the YWCA award. She was nominated by Starfish staffers Charles Ragains, Melinda Clynes and Robin Cooke.

"We thought it would be an appropriate nomination," said Ragains, the agency's chief marketing and communications officer. "She has done a lot and certainly is a woman of achievement. It's also important to tell our story to a important audience."

"It's nice to know that the staff feels the way it does," said Cash. "Sometime you're so busy with what you're doing that occa-

sionally it's nice to look up and say, 'We did good.'"

Cash, a Northville resident, began her career as a psychologist with Boys & Girls Republic in Farmington Hills. She also held a variety of counseling and leadership positions with the Centerpoint Runaway Shelter, Out-Wayne County Youth Services Coalition and Youth Living Centers, where she became its executive director in 1985.

In July, she became the CEO of Starfish Family Services, the name selected to reflect the merger of Youth Living Centers and Northwest Community Services earlier this year.

Cash has received the Spirit of Detroit Award and was selected by the Michigan Women's Commission to receive the "30 Years - 30 Women" Award for outstanding service to women and families in Michigan.

In the right place

"I'm so glad the YWCA had an award for the human services profession," she said. "Often what do is a business with a mission and that that is recognized tells me we're in the right place."

"This is something you don't look for, so it's nice when it happens. It comes as a welcomed surprise."

Also Women of Achievement honorees were:

- Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter in government/law. A

resident of Detroit, she served 11 years in the State House of Representatives, including three years as the speaker pro tempore. She also was deputy director of Wayne County Health and Community Services before being elected Wayne County clerk.

A member of the Mayflower Congregational Church of Christ, she is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and serves on the boards of several business, civic and professional organizations.

Essie Williams in volunteer services. An Inkster resident, she divides her volunteer efforts between the radiology department at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, where she received a 1,500-hour award, and St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Inkster, where she is a lay leader and member of the Episcopal Church Women.

She also is a charter member of the Omega Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority and has served in various offices within the organization.

Eleanor Eaton in arts/communications. A Dearborn resident, she is a former editor and newspaper columnist and author of "Dearborn: A Pictorial History," the only complete history of the area from the time of the native Americans to 1990.

She has served on the boards of the Dearborn Orchestral Society, Fairlane Music Guild, Fine Arts Associates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Friends of the Library-Dearborn. She has been a member of the Dearborn Community Arts Council, Women's Association for the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra, Garden Club of Dearborn, Zonta and Henry Ford Heritage Association.

Genard Wright as young woman. An Ypsilanti resident, she is a member of the Inkster Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. During her two years with the sorority, she volunteers to be a sponsor of the Peppermints, a group of western Wayne County high school girls, and was elected financial secretary of the sorority.

actress Sharon Tate, Abigail Folger, Voytek Frykowski, Steve Parent and Jay Sebring on Aug. 8, 1969, and with Leslie VanHouten murdered Leno and Rosemary LaBianca the following night.

The trial was the longest murder trial in history at the time. The guilt phase took seven months and the penalty phase another two months, and the two trials consumed some 35,000 pages of transcripts.

The illegitimate son of a 16-year-old prostitute, Manson spent a majority of his life — 17 years — in jails, reformatories and prisons when he was released from federal prison on Terminal Island, Calif., in March 1967. He didn't want to leave, but had to and headed to Haight Ashbury district of San Francisco where he found the "raw material" to work into his "family."

Average people

"Charlie was a heavyweight in a hippie world," Bugliosi said. "He surrounded himself with average young people who were convinced he was the second coming of God and the devil in one."

"When I heard they thought Charlie was Christ, I thought they were playing a game. But when I started interviewing former members who'd tell me things like, 'Even though he's not here, he still knows what I'm doing,' I realized the tremendous grip he had on their lives."



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Vincent Bugliosi
author and attorney

over to Manson and his family.

But as controlling as Manson was, not all members of the family were willing to kill for him. Linda Casabian, the family member who became the prosecution's star witness, stayed at the ranch the night of the Tate murders, but accompanied the group the next night.

Casabian didn't participate in those killings. Instead, Manson drove her to an apartment in Venice, Calif., where he gave her a knife and told her to kill an actor friend. She "frustrated him by knocking on the wrong door."

"But how did this little guy only 5 feet 2 inches tall gain unbelievable control over these people?" Bugliosi said. "It was his power of personality. He was an evil genius, but I don't mean his IQ (of 121). He was able to discern what people wanted to see in him. He said of himself that he was a man of 1,000 faces and the family called him the changeling."

"Charlie was a heavy dude, someone to reckon with."

And Watson has become a born again Christian and operates a prison ministry.

No longer in the public sector, Bugliosi has plenty to say about the O.J. Simpson murder trial. As he sees it, "it was a major big time bad jury and the prosecution was even worse." That Judge Lance Ito erred in letting the defense question Detective Mark Furhman if he used the word in the last 10 years, and Johnnie Cochran's claim of police frame-up was "bogus."

"Johnnie Cochran convinced the black community, that it was racial, but it was a bogus argument," he said. "O.J. Simpson needed a road map to get back to the hood."

"The only good thing I can say is that there's no statute of limitations on murder."

Bugliosi also studied the JFK assassination and "believes beyond a reasonable doubt that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone" and after looking at the details of the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation, has concluded that while "the evidence of someone inside the house committing the murder is strong, it is extremely weak" in identifying that person.

The second Livonia Town Hall lecture will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Master gardener and host of WXYT-AM's "Green Side Up" Janet Macunovich will give a presentation on "More Than a Garden: Balm for the Soul, Glue for the Family," an interesting look at the non-plant aspects of gardening. Lecture tickets cost \$15 and "California" bad history of keeping people behind bars" will stay there for the rest of his life.

"Manson is so notorious that even in California, he will stay behind bars," he said.

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A big factor in their homelessness can be attributed to a lack of available low-cost housing. They may get evicted because they couldn't pay the rent or because of domestic violence, but what they find out is that their last dwelling "was the only game in town." The housing shortage is far more prevalent for low-income families than anyone else.

But, homelessness can include hungry mouths and cold bodies. Several weeks ago, I came across a treasure of a store in Wayne, called the Tried and True Thrift Shop. This store has a beautiful supply of "gently used" clothing, kitchen wares, appliances and other household items. It's a garage sale's delight.

The basement, where the donated items arrive, is filled to the brim with every item possible to stock a home. The store not only outs low prices, it offers "specials" to those who have an extraordinary need.

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Round up a bunch of neighbors or a church group and head down to the Tried and True Thrift Shop at 35004 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne — (734) 728-9777 — to offer help in sorting the incoming donations.

Who knows, maybe you'll find that little treasure you've been hunting for.

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Those "average" Americans include Mary Brunner, a college graduate and the first woman to join the group, and Manson's first lieutenant, Watkins, who was viewed as an all-American hero in his hometown of Falmersville, Texas.

While membership ran as high as 50, hard-core followers numbered 24, most were in their late teens and early 20s, and most members were women whose function was to procreate and service the men.

A majority of those who started following Manson drifted off after a few months, possibly because of Manson's outlandish philosophy, Bugliosi said.

Although only educated to a seventh-grade level, Manson was "very bright" and was able to gain control of every aspect of his followers' lives, using conventional techniques, ranging from sexual perversion to break down their confidence and drugs like marijuana and LSD.

"LSD played a role in getting the members to kill for him," Bugliosi said. "They would tell each other how beautiful death was but never would kill each other or commit suicide. They only killed outside the family."

Living in near isolation at Spahn Ranch outside Los Angeles, family members lived in a timeless existence, hearing only Manson's sermons about Helter Skelter.

Believing the Beatles sent out messages through the music in the White Album, Manson preached about the coming war between whites and blacks. The blacks would win, but would not know what to do with their newfound power and would turn it

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Friends host Kienzle at Nov. 15 talk

The Friends of the Livonia Libraries will sponsor a lecture by William Kienzle at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile.

Kienzle, the author of numerous mystery novels, such as "The Rosary Murders," "Death Wears a Red Hat" and "Mud Over Murder," will speak about "Awards and Other Brag a Bra."

He was born in Detroit and served as a priest in the area. Detroit and places and parishes throughout the area have served as a backdrop for many of his novels.

The lecture is free of charge to members of the Friends of the Livonia Libraries. Yearly memberships cost a minimum of \$5 and will be available at the door.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Goff

Jesse and Eva Goff of Westland, formerly of Redford, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at a reception at Bailey Hall on Aug. 7.

The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 7, 1948. She is the former Eva Fleck.

The couple has four married children - John and wife Penny of Woodhaven, Sue Michell and husband Steve of Walkerton, Ind., Denise Michell and husband Rick of Farmington and Colleen Lundsten and husband



Geoff of Livonia. They also have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Schilling

Arthur and Dolores Schilling celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 10 by renewing their vows during a special service at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. The Rev. Ray Lucacinsky officiated.

The celebration continued with a dinner reception at Joy Manor in Westland, attended by friends, family and members of the original wedding party.

She is the former Dolores Szczygiel.

The couple has 10 children - Kathleen of Livonia, Keith and wife Teri of Livonia, Michael and wife Susan of Livonia, Charles of California, Mark and wife Becky of Westland, Carol Brooks and husband Robert of Livonia, Lisa Pilzner and husband Christopher of Livonia, Alex and wife Jennett of St. Johns, Jeffrey of Livonia and the late Linda Schilling. They also have 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Myszkowski

Jerome and Martha Mary Myszkowski of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, followed by a dinner-dance with family and friends at the Sokol Cultural Center.

The couple met at the post office after he had returned from military service. They were married on Sept. 11, 1948, at the Church of the Madonna in Detroit. She is the former Martha Mary Toal.

The couple has three children - Jerome Jr. and wife Betsy of Farmington Hills, Kathy Robertson and husband John of Farmington Hills and Peggy of Novi. They also have four grandchildren.

Retired from the U.S. Postal Service's Roosevelt Park Annex after 37 years of employment, he is a member of the American Legion and St. Robert's Men's Club. She is a member of St. Robert's Altar Society and Bingo.



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PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will have a holiday gift and craft extravaganza 6:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be local crafters as well as sales representatives from such well-known vendors as Discovery Toys, Longenberger Baskets, Pampered Chef and Arbonne International. There also will be a holiday decorating demonstration at 7:30 p.m. by Ann Musson of Gabriela's of Plymouth. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Christine Jackson at (734) 416-0300.

GRACE LUTHERAN

Timothy Circle of Grace Lutheran Church will have its 10th annual arts and crafts show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 25630 Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford. Admission is free, and no strollers allowed. For more information, call (734)

464-2727.

CLARENCEVILLE

The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School will have its annual holiday boutique 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. More than 150 quality artisans will display their works. There also will be a bake sale, raffle and baby-sitting available. Admission will be \$2.

WESTLAND FREE METHODIST

The Westland Free Methodist Church will have a holiday craft fair and bake sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. For more information, call Tammy Balzer at (734) 595-4163.

ABUNDANT LIFE

Abundant Life Church of God will have its annual Angelic Boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 2100 Hannan, Canton. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-0011 or Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul's Lutheran Church's 11th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 476-0841.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will have its 16th annual arts and craft boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14, at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. There will be free door prizes every hour, snack food, bake sale, crafts and

50/50 raffle. For information, call (734) 722-8098 or (734) 722-1343.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL

The St. Mary Hospital will have a Christmas craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14, and noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, in the auditorium of the hospital, Levan and Five Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call Jan Hansen at (734) 655-2232.

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Steelers win rematch

In a rematch of the season opener, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad faced the powerful Ypsilanti Braves for the right to advance to the Western Suburban Junior Football League's Super Bowl.

Like the first game of the season, the Steelers were again victorious, this time 34-20 to remain unbeaten after nine games.

The Steelers got on the board on their opening possession. The drive was capped by a David Nicoloff touchdown pass to David Hoskins. The Steelers never trailed after that.

The other touchdowns were scored by Brandon Wilcox (two), Corey Walser (on a pass from Nicoloff) and Beau Tomlinson.

Steve Carter kicked two extra points. Hoskins also caught a pass for a point after and Matt Bennett ran in an extra point.

"What can I say?" asked coach Doug Young. "Team, team, team. I know it's boring but that's how we have been winning."

The Steelers will play for the league title this Sunday in Dearborn Heights.

"I'm looking forward to the Super Bowl," Young added. "It is a great reward for the kids to play for the championship."

Lions JV advances

The Plymouth-Canton Lions junior varsity squad also earned a trip to this weekend's JV Super Bowl with a 14-0 playoff win over the Ypsilanti Braves.

Nathan Rzeppa caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from David Thomas midway through the third quarter for the game's first score.

Chris Drabicki iced the victory with a 2-yard scoring run late in the game.

The defense was led by Thomas and D.J. Driscoll, who each recorded an interception. Other standouts included Ryan Lewis, Gabe Parmelee, Matt Kapplek, Brandon Kilgore and Tom Freeman.

PPK finalist

Liker her brother before her, Taylor Langham of Canton will compete for the Punt, Pass and Kick state championship Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome, during halftime of the Detroit Lions-vs.-Chicago Bears football game. Langham advanced by winning both the local and regional rounds in the nine-year-old girls division.

Her brother, Landon, who now plays for the Canton Lions in the Western Suburban Junior Football League, won the 10-year-old boys state championship three years ago.

Ostach honored

Ryan Ostach, a senior wide receiver/punter at Michigan Tech University from Plymouth Canton HS, was named the Huskies' winner of the Daniel Dopp Memorial Award, presented to the team's special teams player of the year. Ostach averaged 36.6 yards per punt during the recent campaign, and he completed two passes on fake punt plays, one covering 75 yards to Rashad Jackson for a touchdown against Hillsdale.

Ostach caught a team-high 26 passes for 481 yards (an 18.5 average) and three touchdowns during his senior season. For his career, he had 78 catches for 1,136 yards and eight TDs. Tech was 4-6 in 1998.

Oakland wins finale

Oakland University got a goal and an assist from Ron Mashni, a sophomore midfielder from Plymouth Salem, in beating Mercyhurst College 3-0 in the Golden Grizzlies season finale Saturday at OU. The Grizzlies finished 12-4, due to their transfer to NCAA Division I status, they are not eligible for post-season play.

Mashni scored at the 9:06 mark to give OU a 1-0 lead. He later assisted on a goal by Paul Snape. Mercyhurst, which slipped to 15-3-1, advanced to play in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

A good season, bad finish for Rocks



No, it isn't what Salem cross country coach Geoff Baker had hoped for — or expected. Despite some solid runs, the Rocks weren't good enough as a team to realize their goal of finishing in the state's top 10.

BY C.J. RISAK
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It didn't turn out the way it was hoped for Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team.

Rocks' coach Geoff Baker had figured

his team could finish "anywhere from second to 10th" at last Saturday's Class A championship meet, held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. They didn't; instead, they finished 11th.

Novi, which had beaten Salem handily a week earlier at the Ann Arbor Pio-

neer Regional, ended up riding that crest all the way to the state title. The Wildcats scored 82 points to runner-up Rockford's 87; Redford Catholic Central placed third with 179. Salem's total was 290.

"It was more (points) than I expected," said Baker. "It was a big disappointment. We had two guys run real well, four guys run about their average, and another didn't run well at all."

"It's not that they ran bad races, but when everyone else is running PRs (personal records) we're not gaining any ground."

Nick Allen set a new team record, finishing 12th in the team race and 14th overall in 15:37. The former Salem record of 15:56 was held by Scott Pengelly, set in 1994.

Jon Little was next for the Rocks, placing 43rd (68th overall) in 16:20. Other Salem runners were Don Warner, 66th (120th overall) in 16:41; Bobby Cushman, 71st (129th overall) in 16:43; Craig Little, 98th (176th overall) in 17:02; Matt Anderson, 111th (194th overall) in 17:07; and Trevor Davis,

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Onto the finals!

Salem shoots down Canton in WLAA semifinal

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Round Two is completed, and so far it's been a clean sweep for Plymouth Salem.

The Rocks advanced to the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament finals with a 48-42 girls basketball victory over Plymouth Canton Tuesday at Canton. Salem, which improved to 16-3, meets Walled Lake Central in the WLAA Tournament final at approximately 7:30 p.m. Friday at Livonia Churchill. Canton, now 14-5, plays Livonia Stevenson in the consolation final at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Churchill.

It was the second time this season Salem and Canton have met, and it was the second time the Rocks have come away with a victory, although the first meeting (Oct. 27 at Salem) was more dramatic — a 40-39 Salem win. This time, after the Rocks scored the first two baskets of the second half to open up a 26-20 lead, Canton never caught up.

"I thought our kids hung in there pretty well tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Playing in the semifinals on the other team's floor, you just have to get out there and find a way to get through it."

Which is what the Rocks did. The difference between the two teams: Salem has more offensive options,

more than Canton could adequately defend.

"I thought our effort was outstanding," said Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm. "And Salem's effort was outstanding. I think we just had difficulty guarding them."

"(Tiffany) Grubaugh's the key for Salem. She's a horse out there."

Indeed, Grubaugh was the difference. Canton managed to limit Salem's pivot tandem of Andrea Pruet and Christine Phillips to a combined total of 16 points, but Grubaugh lit up the Chiefs for 17.

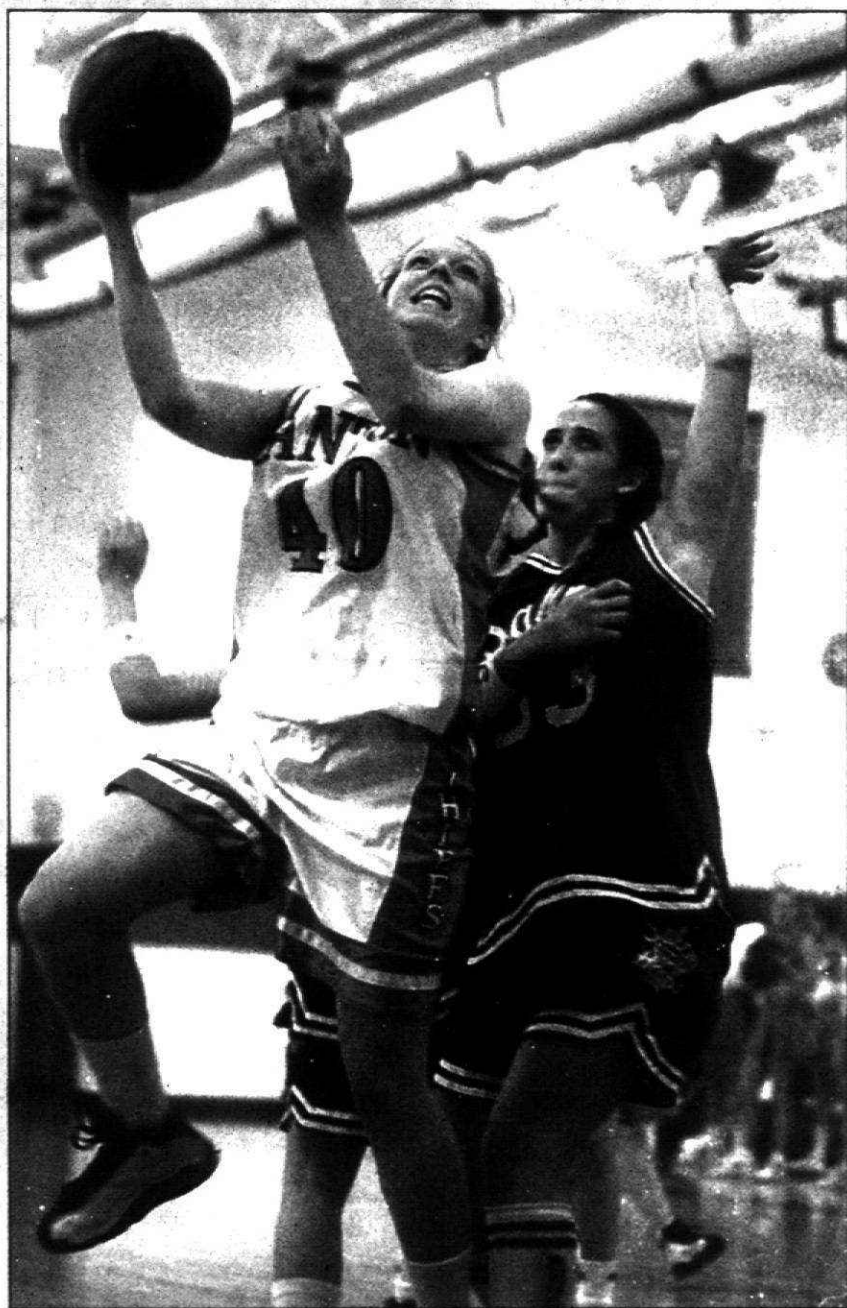
Pruett, a senior co-captain who has already signed with NCAA Division I Miami of Ohio, was held to just six points, and Phillips, who scored 10, fouled out with 4:22 remaining. But others filled the gaps for Salem.

"We had a lot of players come in and made big plays for us," said Thomann. "One thing that Andrea is starting to understand is that, even though she's not our leading scorer all the time, she's the reason we're scoring."

While Canton never quit trying, Salem never gave in. Twice in the third quarter, the Chiefs narrowed the gap to three, but both times the Rocks answered by extending their advantage to seven. Grubaugh accounted for six of Salem's 12 third-quarter points.

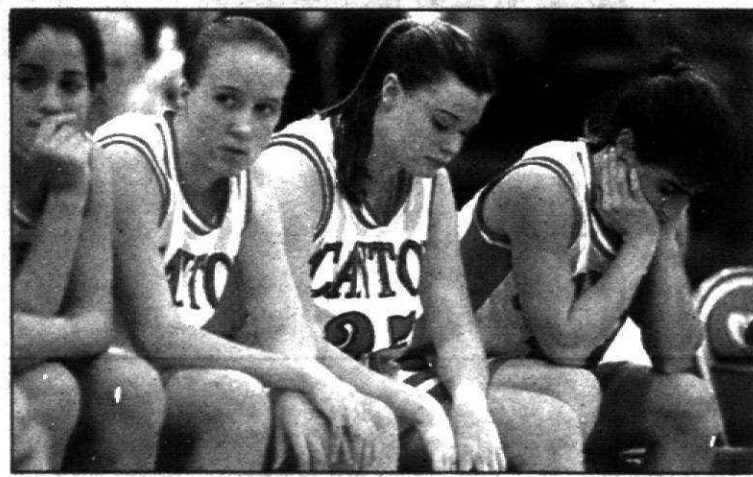
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Tough to penetrate: Canton's Janell Tweitmeyer (with ball) tries to get off a shot over Salem's Christine Phillips, something that wasn't so easy for the Chiefs — one reason they to Salem again, leaving them feeling dejected (at left).



Stevenson still rules league

BY C.J. RISAK
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The cast, even the method used, has changed. But the results didn't.

Another year, another Western Lakes Activities Association championship for Livonia Stevenson's girls swim team. This time the Spartans scored 614 points to perennial runner-up Plymouth Salem's 412.

Rocks' best:
Lorissa McKay was the top Salem finisher at the WLAA meet, placing second in the 100-yard butterfly.

WLAA SWIMMING

North Farmington was third with 387 and Walled Lake took fourth with 311, with Northville fifth (260), Plymouth Canton sixth (258), Livonia Churchill seventh (202), Farmington Harrison eighth (187), Farmington ninth (130), Livonia Franklin 10th (122) and Westland John Glenn 11th

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If there was a difference between this Spartan team and its predecessors — the title was Stevenson's eighth-straight and 12th in the WLAA's 16 years of girls swimming — it was the lack of overall dominance. In the past, the Spartans would sweep all three relays and would finish first in half the individual events.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Whalers still best in OHL

Harold Druken's third goal of the game salvaged a 4-4 tie for the Plymouth Whalers Sunday with the Sarnia Sting in Sarnia.

It was the second tie in two nights between the two Ontario Hockey League rivals. On Saturday at Compuware Arena, the two battled to a 3-3 draw.

The two ties combined with Friday's 5-4 triumph over Owen Sound, retained the top spot in the OHL for the Whalers, now 15-2-2.

Druken, who now has a league-leading 24 goals, knotted the game for the fourth time when he scored with 9:44 left in the third period. Adam Colagiaco and Eric Gooldy assisted; for Colagiaco, it was his second of the game.

Jamie Lalonde got the Whalers' first goal, tying it at 1-1 5:47 into

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Madonna advances; SC ousted

And then there were six.

Madonna University's men's soccer team advanced to the six-team NAA Great Lakes Regional Championships on Saturday with its 2-1 victory over Tri-State University.

The victory gave the Crusaders their second consecutive Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference soccer championship (in just two years in the league).

Madonna, now 19-2, finished a perfect 14-0 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders will be seeded second and play Friday against the winner of the University of Rio Grande (Ohio)-Indiana Wesleyan University game. Friday's game will be played at the University of Illinois-Springfield, the region's number one seed.

After winning the Inter-region-

al Tournament last season, the Ocelots had an opportunity Saturday to make their second straight trip to the NJCAA Tournament in Trenton, N.J.

But Schoolcraft ran into a determined Springfield College (Ill.) squad in the semi-final and lost to the host team 2-0.

The loss ends Schoolcraft's season at 18-4, the team's second straight 18-win season.

"I know how the Red Wings feel," Dimitriou said. "We played against Cincinnati State last Sunday and hadn't seen any one come at us like that since last season. It was obvious they wanted to dethrone."

According to Dimitriou, Springfield was the best team Schoolcraft played all season.

ROUNDUP

Red Wing benefit

The Detroit Red Wing Alumni team will go up against Nick's Dream Team in a benefit hockey game on Sunday at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 per person.

The game will benefit the Plymouth Figure Skating Club, the Karmanskas Cancer Institute and the Konstantinov/Mastakanov Fund. Those attending are also asked to bring one item of used/usable hockey equipment for the NHL/USA Hockey Diversity Task Force.

Pre-game festivities begin at 3:30 p.m., with the game from 4-6 p.m. For further information, call Sharon Stanak at (248) 349-6030.

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Talent is there for Ocelots, who must blend it

BY BRAD EMONS
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Second-year Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs has to keep reminding himself to be patient.

As the Ocelots enter Friday's season opener at the Macomb Tip-Off Classic, Briggs is trying to sort out perhaps SC's most talented team in school history.

"On paper, we're good, but we've got to see if we can put it together," said the former NJCAA All-America and Baylor University standout. "We have a lot of depth, but last year we had good continuity. The kids loved each other and loved the game of basketball. This year it's going to be a new learning system both offensively and defensively."

Briggs, who came back to his alma mater from an assistant's high school job in Texas, guided SC to a surprising 24-7 season, second place in the Eastern Conference behind Flint Mott.

Last year the Ocelots were picked last, but this year they could be the team to beat.

Briggs, however, lost three quality players — 6-6 Kevin Melson, the nation's second leading scorer (28 points per game) who is expected to start this season for Wright State; 6-4 Emeke Okonkwo, now at Northeastern Okla-

SC BASKETBALL

homa; and 5-11 point-guard Pete Males (Garden City), now at Rochester College.

Three holdovers return, led by 6-3 sharpshooter Derek McKelvey, who averaged 18.5 points per game and led the country in total three-point field goals (127). He also shot the three at an impressive 47.1 percent clip (ranked among the top 10 nationally).

"Derek is stronger this year and is stroking the ball well," Briggs said. "We're looking for a little more rebounding from him. We're also looking for more scoring from him as far as taking the ball to the basket."

The other two returnees are Mario Montgomery, a cat-quick 5-8 point-guard who backed up Males last year, and 6-3 David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn), who averaged 10 points and six rebounds per game before being declared academically ineligible for second semester.

"Mario is one of our better success stories," Briggs said. "Three years ago he was walking the streets, but he got his GED and is carrying better than a 2.0 grade-point average."

"The main thing here is that we want

them to leave here as better students and better people, and help them move on. That's how we rate success. It's not the number of games we win."

Jarrett, could start, but will come off the bench to start the year.

"We're looking to him for his leadership off the bench and he brings experience," Briggs said.

The Ocelots' biggest question mark is at the point.

David McGlowen, a 5-9, 160-pound freshman from Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, will get the call.

"That's a spot we're worried about," Briggs said. "But Dave is solid. He has a good head on his shoulders and you'll see him get better and better. He just needs to be more aggressive and assertive as far as running the basketball team."

Mike Peek, a 6-2 signee from Wright State who was not cleared academically by the NCAA just prior to fall classes, could compete for a starting job at the

point.

But the Cincinnati Woodward product missed nearly two weeks of practice because of the chicken pox.

"We expect a lot out of him when he comes all the way back because he's one of our better athletes," Briggs said. "Once he learns the system, he can compete for the No. 1 spot."

The forwards will be 6-5 Lamar Bigby, who averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds at Detroit Northern, and 6-5 Dashawn Williams, who was a standout at Detroit City High.

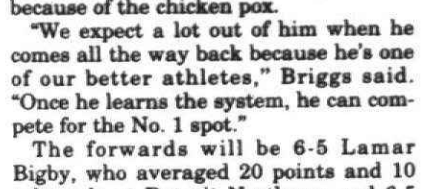
"Dashawn is our most aggressive player, a (Dennis) Rodman type of rebounder who can run the floor and score," Briggs said. "And he might be our best defender."

"Bigby is probably our best athlete. He was one of the top 20 (high school) players in the state. He has a lot of basketball to learn as far as playing defense and running the floor."

SC most highly prized recruit could well be 6-8 Matt Bauman (Livonia Franklin), who played last year for NCAA tournament qualifier University of Detroit Mercy.

He could be the best big man ever to come out of SC, according to Briggs.

"He has a very good skill level, he's smart and strong," Briggs said. "I think



Carlos Briggs Schoolcraft coach

he could be the best big man in the conference. He just has a great attitude and we're lucky to have a guy like that."

Briggs also has plenty of firepower in reserve led by 6-2 Mike Murray, who averaged 28 points per game at Detroit Rogers Academy; 6-4 swingman Quentin Mitchell (Detroit Cody), 6-7 Chris Colley (Hazel Park), 6-6, 235-pound Dwayne Holmes (Taylor Truman); 6-2 Reggie Kirkland (Romulus); 6-1 Corey Bates (Detroit Murray-Wright); and 6-5 Jim Rebeck (Clinton).

"We'll play up-tempo and try to score as much as possible off our defense," Briggs said.

Briggs, however, has added more depth in the coaching box.

He will be surrounded by two capable assistants, Dave McKelvey (Derek's father) and Scott Newman.

"Now at practice we can take the big men at one end of the floor and take the guards the other end and work individually with them — we couldn't do that last year," Briggs said. "Dave has over 30 years' experience coaching. He has the knowledge and brings discipline. He should help the kids' skill level."

"And Scott knows the game. He played at Western Carolina."

Now all McKelvey and Newman have to do is preach patience to the head coach.

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the second period. Druken took over after that, tying it at 2-2 at 14:38 of the second and at 3-3 with a short-handed goal with just 39 seconds left in the second.

Peter Sarno scored two goals and assisted on a third for Sarnia.

Rob Zepp made 33 saves in goal for Plymouth. Greg Hewitt had 21 stops for the Sting.

On Saturday at Compuware, it was much the same — neither team had more than a one-goal lead. Nikos Tselios scored one goal and assisted on the other two for the Whalers; David Legwand added a goal and an assist. Paul Mara's goal 7:57 into the third period gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead, but the Sting knotted it with just 1:06 left on a goal by Jeff Heerema.

Hewitt and Zepp each made 24 saves for their respective teams.

Ambassadors keep rolling

The Compuware Ambassadors rebounded from consecutive losses to the Springfield Junior Blues, 2-1 Friday and 8-2 Saturday, to improve their North American Hockey League record to 12-3-1 with a 3-1 victory over the St. Louis Sting Sunday at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Chesterfield, Mo.

Mike Mink scored two goals for the Ambassadors and John Shounieva had one in the win over the Sting; each also had an assist. Goalie Craig Kowalski stopped 44 of 45 Sting shots and got an assist on Mink's second goal.

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East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	14	2	2	30
Peterborough Petes	11	7	0	22
Belleville Bulls	9	6	3	21
Kingston Frontenacs	7	9	3	15
Oshawa Generals	6	7	2	14

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	13	4	1	27
North Bay Centennials	5	9	3	13
Sudbury Wolves	5	9	3	13
Toronto St. M. Majors	3	9	4	10
Miss. Ice Dogs	1	13	1	3

West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	15	2	2	32
SSM Greyhounds	9	7	1	19
Sarnia Sting	8	6	2	18
London Knights	7	12	0	14
Windsor Spitfires	5	12	2	12

Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	12	5	0	24
Owen Sound Platers	8	7	2	18
Erie Otters	8	7	1	17
Kitchener Rangers	6	7	2	14
Brampton Battalion	2	14	0	4

Crusaders clinch WHAC regular-season crown, will host tournament; SC's season is over

Madonna University stormed into the postseason Tuesday, completing a clean sweep of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 15-11, 15-2, 15-11 women's volleyball victory over host Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids.

The Lady Crusaders, now 38-6 overall and 12-0 in the WHAC, will be the host and top seed in Saturday's four-team conference tournament.

Cornerstone, which could have clinched a tie for the regular season title, dropped to 20-13 and 10-2.

VOLLEYBALL

"There was a large crowd and they came in fired up," Madonna coach Jerry Abraham said. "But we played super, one of our best matches of the year."

"We played at a fast tempo and caused problems at the net. We attacked, blocked and served well."

The Lady Crusaders had a balanced hitting attack with Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston) leading the way with nine kills, four solo block and seven block-assists.

Rayna Vert added seven kills, while Nicole Burns, Erin Cunningham and Stephanie Ubalde had six apiece. Burns also had three solo and seven block-assists.

Setter Deanne Helson contributed 26 assists, while Cunningham and Jennifer Russell tallied 15 and 10 digs, respectively.

Senior Leslie Hartlen led Cornerstone with 10 kills and 11 digs. Sarah Haney had 25 assists and four aces.

SC's season is over

The pairings for Saturday at Madonna will be Madonna vs. Tri-State at 10 a.m. and Cornerstone and Siena Heights at noon. The final is at 4 p.m.

Lady Ocelots bow out

Schoolcraft College ended the season at 12-27 after splitting four matches (Nov. 5-6) in the NJCAA Region 12 Tournament at Grand Rapids CC.

Schoolcraft opened with two wins, defeating Kalamazoo Valley 13-15, 16-14, 15-13) and Lakeland (15-9, 15-10).

Kellogg handed SC its first loss, 15-9, 15-11, and St. Clair eliminated the Lady Ocelots, 15-9, 15-5.

Megan McGinty (Livonia Churchill) was the top SC

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attacker during the regional with 33 kills, while Cindy Malool and Melissa Plave contributed 23 and 21, respectively.

McGinty had a team-high 11 block-assists, while Plave had a team-high 40 digs.

Danielle Wensing (Livonia Franklin) and Jenny Laidlaw (Churchill) had 51 and 34 assists, respectively.

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Lady Crusaders are looking to move up

BY NEAL ZIPPER STAFF WRITER

The ingredients are coming together for the Madonna University women's basketball team.

Sprinkle in a little height, with an abundance of depth, a dash of experience, and mix in some new talent and you have the recipe for what could be the best Crusader squad in some time.

At least that's what third-year coach Marylou Janzen is hoping. Janzen took over the Madonna program two years ago and led the Crusaders to a 14-16 mark, which included a surprising run in the postseason playoffs.

Then came last year, Madonna's first season in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Crusaders finished 18-13 overall and in a four-way tie for second place in the with a 7-5 mark.

"Our goal every season is to improve on the previous season," Janzen said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Winning the WHAC is Madonna's goal this season, but the Crusaders will have their hands full trying to beat out defending league champion Spring Arbor College.

The Cougars are the preseason favorite to win the league and are ranked 14th in the NAIA Division II in preseason rankings. Madonna is picked to finish third behind Spring Arbor and Aquinas.

"Spring Arbor returns a lot of talent, height and experience, but I think they are beatable and we are one of those teams that can beat them," Janzen said.

Lost from the last season's team is a pair of starters: Dawn Pale (10 ppg., 5 rpg.) who graduated and Angie Negri (8.5 ppg., 3.5 rpg.), who opted to play soccer.

But the Crusaders return a strong group of players with three key newcomers.

Leading the returnees are senior point guard Katie Cushman (12.7 ppg.), junior guard Chris Dietrich (13.3 ppg.) and senior forward/center Mary Murray (11 ppg., 5 rpg.).

Dietrich was the team's leading scorer last season and was one of two sophomores to be named to the All-WHAC squad.

Chadman, Murray and forward Courtney Senger will provide the senior leadership for the Crusaders both on and off the court.

Janzen is excited about the addition of two sophomore transfers from Henry Ford Community College — Kathy Pangonis and Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) — who will play plenty of playing time.

Fiorenzi, a graduate of Plymouth Canton, will add another valuable body in the post. As a freshman, she averaged about 10 points per game at Henry Ford CC.

"Kathy is extremely talented, a great ballhandler and may be the best pure shooter on the team," Janzen said. "We're fortunate that we have several players who can create scoring opportunities for themselves or for others. We're very excited to get two players as sophomores, coming in as experienced players and not first-year players."

Another newcomer grabbing attention is freshman point guard Carissa Gizicki.

"We've been very pleasantly surprised with her," Janzen said. "She sees the floor extremely well and is a great playmaker and passer. I expect her to get considerable playing time."

Key players underneath for Madonna

will be sophomore center Lori Enfield (8 ppg., 5.5 rpg.) and junior forward Jennifer Jacek. Enfield is the team's only 6-footer.

"Lori was on the league's All-Rookie team last season and we expect her to be more of a threat and to be more comfortable in the post — both of which will happen with experience," Janzen said.

The Crusaders can play numerous players at a variety of positions which helps allow Janzen to tailor her lineup for certain game situations.

"We have depth on this team like we've never had before," Janzen said. "We will be able to rotate players more freely and be able to play hard for 40 minutes without dropping the level of play."

"We'll be looking to push the ball upcourt, create turnovers and simply play hard. Half the team is a threat from the three (point range)."

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"This time we had more depth," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill. "We only won five events. I don't ever remember that happening."

Indeed, the Spartans won just one relay: the 200-yard medley, with Lindsay Dolin, Marti McKenzie, Katie Clark and Jessica Makowski combining for the victory in 1:53.59. Walled Lake collected top honors in the other two relay events, with Sheryl Wrobel, Megan Sparring, Jessica Martin and Laura Kaznecki teaming to win both the 200 freestyle (1:40.26) and 400 freestyle (3:43.24).

What Stevenson did differently was find more ways to score — 34 ways, to be exact. The Spartans had 86 total entries in the meet; 34 of them scored points.

"That's never happened before," said Phill. "I've never had that many kids score. In the past we've had a few people score a lot of points. Our younger swimmers, our freshmen

and sophomores, swam really well. But so did everybody."

There were three individual event double-winners in the meet, including Stevenson senior Julie Kern, who was first in both the 200 (1:58.56) and 500 (5:06.10) freestyles. Other double-winners were Harrison's Lindsay Fetters, in the 200 individual medley (2:12.43) and 100 breaststroke (1:09.03), and Walled Lake's Kaznecki, in the 50 free (24.41) and 100 backstroke (58.37).

The Spartans also got firsts from Clark in the 100 butterfly (1:01.17) and Makowski in the 100 free (55.72).

What Stevenson didn't get was more first-place finishes than anyone else. Walled Lake also had five, with Harrison getting the other two. In addition to Kaznecki's two wins and the firsts in the free relays, diver Toyna McCarty was a winner (434.70 points).

For Salem, which has been second to Stevenson three-consecutive years, it was a typical performance: No single outstanding swimmer, but a lot of good ones. The runner-up Rocks managed just six top-six performances in individual events, with two of those coming in the 100 fly (Lorissa McKay was second, Lindsay Hartz was fifth). Besides that, they had a third (April Aquino in diving), a fourth (Kari Foust in the 100 back) and two sixths (from Sarah Rogers in the 200 and 500 free).

They weren't overwhelming in their relays, either, with two fourths and a fifth.

Salem finished second because of its depth. Like Stevenson, there were a lot of Rocks who scored — 30-of-36 entries, to be exact.

"I was real pleased with the way we swam," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Trying to get close to Stevenson is obviously very difficult. We've been up there behind them for a while. That isn't likely to change in the near future."



Good showing: Canton freshman Danielle Drysdale was third in the 100-yard backstroke.

BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observersland girls best swim times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates by calling Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 or faxing information to (734) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cutoff: 2:17.69)	
Farmington Hills	1:50.48
Livonia	1:53.59
North Farmington	1:54.95
Plymouth Canton	1:55.99
Plymouth Salem	1:56.97

200-YARD FREESTYLE (state cutoff: 2:01.09)	
Amy McCullough	1:52.58
Elizabeth MacDonald	1:57.45
Kelly Kern	1:57.69
Julie Carlin	1:58.47
Angela Simetkosky	1:58.87
Lindsay Fetters	1:59.32
Elizabeth Posvar	1:59.75
Kristin Loras	2:00.26

Katie Clark	(Stevenson) 2:00.29
Meghan Mocer	(Stevenson) 2:00.47

200-YARD FREESTYLE (state cutoff: 2:17.69)	
Elizabeth Posvar	(Mercy) 2:08.78
Lindsay Fetters	(Harrison) 2:12.43
Katie Clark	(Stevenson) 2:13.77
Kelly Carlin	(Mercy) 2:13.89
Amy McCullough	(Mercy) 2:14.14
Christina Mocer	(Ladwood) 2:16.45
Nevra Aher	(N. Farmington) 2:18.22
Erin Downs	(Mercy) 2:19.00
Stephanie Cummings	(Stevenson) 2:19.56

50-YARD FREESTYLE (state cutoff: 25.59)	
Elizabeth Posvar	(Mercy) 24.47
Jessica Makowski	(Stevenson) 25.18
Katie Clark	(Stevenson) 25.51
Christina Mocer	(Ladwood) 25.65
Kristin Loras	(Mercy) 25.65
Marti McKenzie	(Stevenson) 25.70

Elizabeth MacDonald	(Mercy) 25.95
Teri Hanson	(Canton) 26.03
Kelly Kelly	(Salem) 26.05
Monica Glowki	(Salem) 26.11

DIVING	
Katy Ballantine	(Stevenson) 256.75
Erin Lizura	(Redford Union) 220.60
Laurel Loran	(Stevenson) 219.90
Angela Anieros	(Churchill) 218.20
Allison Bennett	(Ladwood) 215.00
Michelle Kain	(Stevenson) 202.65
Kristy Blazo	(Churchill) 194.50
Courtney Draughn	(Churchill) 189.40
Jennifer Down	(John Glenn) 188.40
Natalie Cizewski	(Stevenson) 183.90

100-YARD BUTTERFLY (state cutoff: 1:02.29)	
Katie Clark	(Stevenson) 59.26
Erin Downs	(Mercy) 59.48
Julie Kern	(Stevenson) 1:01.10
Teri Hanson	(Canton) 1:01.26
Kelly Carlin	(Mercy) 1:01.45
Lorissa McKay	(Salem) 1:01.77

Elizabeth Posvar	(Mercy) 1:02.06
Danielle Drysdale	(Canton) 1:02.65
Elizabeth MacDonald	(Mercy) 1:03.20
Christina Mocer	(Ladwood) 1:03.30

100-YARD FREESTYLE (state cutoff: 55.89)	
Elizabeth Posvar	(Mercy) 53.41
Kristin Loras	(Mercy) 54.85
Kelly Carlin	(Mercy) 55.13
Jessica Makowski	(Stevenson) 55.19
Manya Dabinger	(Mercy) 55.86
Lindsay Fetters	(Harrison) 56.09
Julie Kern	(Stevenson) 56.17
Angela Simetkosky	(Churchill) 56.67

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (state cutoff: 1:43.98)	
Farmington Hills	1:41.44
Livonia	1:41.64
Plymouth Salem	1:44.24
Plymouth Canton	1:45.42
North Farmington	1:47.17

Christina Mocer	(Ladwood) 1:03.10
Erin Downs	(Mercy) 1:03.74
Stephanie Cummings	(Stevenson) 1:04.77

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE (state cutoff: 1:15.48)	
Lindsay Fetters	(Harrison) 1:07.88
Nevra Aher	(N. Farmington) 1:09.73
Linda McElean	(N. Farmington) 1:10.69
Elizabeth Posvar	(Mercy) 1:11.08
Marti McKenzie	(Stevenson) 1:11.10
Christina Mocer	(Ladwood) 1:12.79
Jennifer Bennett	(N. Farmington) 1:13.42
Anabelle Aberts	(Mercy) 1:13.48
Colleen Bosman	(Stevenson) 1:14.65
Erin Rogala	(Canton) 1:14.80

100-YARD BACKSTROKE (state cutoff: 1:03.19)	
Elizabeth Posvar	(Mercy) 1:00.60
Amy McCullough	(Mercy) 1:00.66
Linda McElean	(N. Farmington) 1:01.55
Danielle Drysdale	(Canton) 1:02.30
Kelly Carlin	(Mercy) 1:02.52
Lindsay Dolin	(Stevenson) 1:02.59
Kari Foust	(Salem) 1:02.97

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (state cutoff: 3:50.59)	
Farmington Hills	3:37.17
Livonia	3:42.27
North Farmington	3:46.86
Plymouth Canton	3:48.96
Plymouth Salem	3:49.16

WLAА GIRLS SWIM FINALS Nov. 6-7 at Plymouth Salem

Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 6:14; 2. Plymouth Salem, 412; 3. North Farmington, 387; 4. Walled Lake, 311.5; 5. Northville, 260; 6. Plymouth Canton, 258; 7. Livonia Churchill, 202; 8. Farmington Harrison, 187; 9. Farmington, 130; 10. Livonia Franklin, 122; 11. Westland John Glenn, 76; 12. Westland John Glenn, 76.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Marti McKenzie, Katie Clark, Jessica Makowski), 1:53.59; 2. North Farmington, 1:54.95; 3. Plymouth Canton, 1:55.99; 4. Plymouth Salem, 1:56.97; 5. Northville, 1:57.77; 6. Farmington Harrison, 2:01.98.

Consolation: 7. Farmington, 2:04.60; 8. Walled Lake, 2:05.60; 9. Livonia Franklin, 2:07.30; 10. Westland John Glenn, 2:13.02.

200-yard freestyle: 1. Julie Kern (LS), 1:56.55; 2. Julie Kluka (FH), 2:00.70; 3.

Angela Simetkosky (LC), 2:01.44; 4. Meghan Mocer (LS), 2:01.54; 5. Adrienne Doyle (LC), 2:02.48; 6. Sarah Rogers (PS), 2:03.78.

Consolation: 7. Sarah Paske (NF), 2:02.51; 8. Lori McKay (PS), 2:03.33; 9. Lauren Turner (NF), 2:05.57; 10. Meghan Lesau (LS), 2:05.58; 11. Melissa Navas (NF), 2:06.59; 12. Jess Hale (PS), 2:06.66.

200-yard individual medley: 1. Lindsay Fetters (FH), 2:12.43; 2. Katie Clark (LS), 2:16.44; 3. Linda McElean (NF), 2:17.58; 4. Stephanie Cummings (LS), 2:19.56; 5. Deirdre Krieger (LS), 2:20.43; 6. Nevr Aher (NF), 2:22.21.

Consolation: 7. Jessica Koch (LS), 2:23.24; 8. Kari Foust (PS), 2:24.05; 9. Jaclyn Bernard (PC), 2:24.29; 10. Jennifer Bendick (NF), 2:24.36; 11. Alex Evans (PS), 2:25.09; 12. Kristin Denwick (LC), 2:27.70.

50-yard freestyle: 1. Laura Kaznecki (WL), 24.41; 2. Jessica Makowski (LS), 25.18; 3. Megan Sparring (WL), 25.59; 4. Marti McKenzie (PS), 25.70; 5. Sheryl Wrobel (WL), 25.84; 6. Stephanie Sabo (N), 25.88.

Consolation: 7. Teri Hanson (PC), 26.03; 8. Kathy Kelly (PS), 26.05; 9. Monica Glowki (PS), 26.11; 10. Kathryn O'Hagen (N), 26.22; 11. Amy Smith (FH), 26.48; 12. Amanda Polkowski (LS), 26.81.

Diving: 1. Toyna McCarty (WL), 434.70 points; 2. Katy Ballantine (LS), 379.20; 3. April Aquino (PS), 331.95; 4. Marissa Malory (WL), 319.45; 5. Angela Anieros (LC), 313.80; 6. Michelle Kain (LS), 307.20; 7. Kristy Blazo (LC), 286.25; 8. Suzanne Dupuis (LF), 275.95; 9. Shion Winn (LF), 275.00; 10. Lauren Queller (NF), 269.95; 11. Jennifer Down (JG), 256.40; 12. Julie Johnson (LF), 244.90.

100-yard butterfly: 1. Katie Clark (LS), 1:01.17; 2. Lorissa McKay (PS), 1:01.77; 3. Teri Hanson (PC), 1:02.10; 4. Danielle Drysdale (PC), 1:03.22; 5. Lindsay Hartz (PS), 1:04.25; 6. Kristen Burke (NF), 1:04.32.

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Consolation: 7. Lauren Turner (NF), 1:04.55; 8. Jessica Hrivnak (N), 1:06.94; 9. Kristin Denwick (LC), 1:07.14; 10. Emily Yamnitsky (LS), 1:07.27; 11. Lindsey Dolin (LS), 1:07.34; 12. Michelle Nilson (PC), 1:08.99.

100-yard freestyle: 1. Jessica Makowski (LS), 55.72; 2. Stephanie Sabo (N), 55.97; 3. Megan Sparring (WL), 56.01; 4. Julie Kluka (FH), 56.17; 5. Tara Grider (NF), 57.89; 6. Sheryl Wrobel (WL), 59.15.

Consolation: 7. Kathy Kelly (PS), 57.48; 8. Jaclyn Bernard (PC), 57.69; 9. Amanda Polkowski (LS), 57.79; 10. Monica Glowki (PS), 57.88; 11. Jessica Koch (LS), 59.12; 12. Amy Smith (LF), 59.55.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Julie Kern (LS), 5:06.10; 2. Angela Simetkosky (LC), 5:14.08; 3. Meghan Mocer (LS), 5:20.43; 4. Adrienne Doyle (LS), 5:25.34; 5. Meghan Lesau (LS), 5:30.29; 6. Sarah Rogers (PS), 5:33.93.

Consolation: 7. Sarah Paske (NF), 5:25.71; 8. Kristel Matthe (F), 5:38.04; 9. Jess Hale (PS), 5:40.20; 10. Taylor Goad (FH), 5:41.39; 11. Monica Black (N), 5:44.87; 12. Jenny Taylor (PS), 5:56.54.

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Lindsay Fetters (FH), 1:09.03; 2. Nevr Aher (NF), 1:09.73; 3. Deirdre Krieger (LS), 1:10.76; 4. Marti McKenzie (LS), 1:11.10; 5. Jennifer Bendick (NF), 1:13.22; 6. Elizabeth Hum (LS), 1:14.96.

Consolation: 7. Colleen Bosman (LS), 1:14.85; 8. Erin Rogala (PC), 1:14.80; 9. Tina Cavicholi (F), 1:15.64; 10. Valerie Szczepa (LS), 1:16.78; 11. Johanna Mausolf (LS), 1:16.14; 12. Alex Evans (PS), 1:16.41.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Walled Lake (Sheryl Wrobel, Megan Sparring, Jessica Martin, Laura Kaznecki), 1:40.26; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 1:41.64; 3. Northville, 1:43.29; 4. Plymouth Salem, 1:44.24; 5. North Farmington, 1:47.17; 6. Livonia Churchill, 1:48.30.

Consolation: 7. Plymouth Canton, 1:49.41; 8. Farmington, 1:54.97; 9. Westland John Glenn, 1:56.33; 10. Farmington Harrison, 1:59.98; 11. Livonia Franklin, 2:00.52.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Laura Kaznecki (WL), 58.37; 2. Linda McElean (NF), 1:01.55; 3. Danielle Drysdale (PC), 1:02.30; 4. Kari Foust (PS), 1:02.97; 5. Lindsey Dolin (LS), 1:04.07; 6. Tara Grider (NF), 1:06.75.

Consolation: 7. Stephanie Cummings (LS), 1:04.77; 8. Jackie Sallotte (N), 1:05.51; 9. Stephanie Tyler (PS), 1:05.66; 10. Heather Bruce (F), 1:06.48; 11. Rachae Maurer (PS), 1:07.71; 12. Emily Irvine (LS), 1:09.15.

100-yard freestyle relay: 1. Walled Lake (Sheryl Wrobel, Megan Sparring, Jessica Martin, Laura Kaznecki), 3:43.24; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 3:46.77; 3. North Farmington, 3:46.86; 4. Plymouth Canton, 3:48.96; 5. Plymouth Salem, 3:49.16; 6. Livonia Churchill, 3:52.97.

Consolation: 7. Farmington Harrison, 3:54.78; 8. Northville, 4:06.07; 9. Farmington, 4:14.28; 10. Livonia Franklin, 4:16.64; 11. Westland John Glenn, 4:20.69.

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Bad weather means good game for Troy-CC

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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A steady rain and high winds greeted the Redford Catholic Central football team at practice Tuesday afternoon.

Perfect weather to prepare for Troy, the Shamrocks' opponent in the Class AA regional final at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pontiac's Winner Stadium.

After all, who can remember a Troy-CC playoff game not effected by weather?

The Shamrocks won last year's regional final in a snowstorm at Troy, 21-3, as well as the 1995 regional final played in sleet, snow, rain and high winds at Winner Stadium, 21-14.

Snow flurries and cold temper-

atures were the conditions when CC beat Troy 9-6 in 1992's regional final.

So when the sun came out and the temperatures climbed into the 50s on Monday all CC coach Tom Mach must have been thinking was "it's too good to be true."

"It would be nice," he said. "It has like a backyard feeling playing in the snow. I remember showing up (last year), it was snowing, they were plowing the lines. We had a sense of unity prior to the game in the locker room, knew we had the game the whole time."

The Fordson victory came a week after CC had to rally in the final minute with a touchdown

to beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 22-15, in the Catholic League championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"We have to pick it up from the last two games," Cessante said. "We know we have it there, but no one will lay down for us. It'll get tougher. I think we'll meet the challenge this week. Troy has a real good passing game, just like St. Mary's. I don't know if it's as good as them but they have a real sound passing game."

Troy has a massive offensive line led by 6-6, 290-pound senior tackle Brian Otney, who has committed to Michigan State. Senior quarterback Mike Clinton has escapability and a strong arm and a pair of premier wide receivers: Mark Boehms and Tim

Fralick.

The leading ball carrier is senior tailback Sheldon Sofer and Mach is also impressed by 6-1, 215-pound senior fullback Matt Graves.

"Troy presents different types of problems," Mach said. "They stretch you a lot on offense, make you make a lot of adjustments with your secondary. They do a lot of motion and use the pass to open up the run."

"They're very big and physical on both sides of the ball and Fralick is excellent - in fact they have two wide receivers that are

very good. The quarterback is very good, the same young guy we played last year. He has a very accurate arm and good feet. If you don't contain him he's going to run on you. The fullback has a lot of power, aren't the fastest runners, but pound for pound sure deliver the blow when they get there."

The Shamrocks' offensive attack could be without leading rusher Kyle Entaminger, who, hobbled off the field with ice on

his knee after the Fordson victory. Entaminger, who scored the Shamrocks winning touchdown on a seven-yard fourth quarter run, was held to 46 yards in 14 carries.

It's believed he injured the knee prior to the touchdown while blocking, the CC coaching staff said. Entaminger, who was n't on the field when CC was running out the clock in the final minute, leads the Shamrocks with 789 yards in 129 carries.

CC junior fullback John Kava



scored his team-high 16th touchdown against Fordson and finished with 94 yards in 21 carries, giving him 617 yards for the season.

The biggest thing CC senior quarterback Dave Lusky needed after the Fordson game was rest.

He had a busy effort, completing four of nine passes for 91 yards with two interceptions, while also intercepting a pass in the CC secondary that led to the Shamrocks' first touchdown.

He also handled the punting

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Late touchdown carries Shamrocks to a narrow victory over stubborn Fordson

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Watching how fiercely both teams battled for the extra point after Dearborn Fordson scored the go-ahead touchdown with 10:45 left, something so often taken for granted, showed the

intensity in the Class AA playoff football game at Pontiac's Winner Stadium, which ended in a 12-7 win for Redford Catholic Central.

"The extra point meant the difference between winning or losing at that point and we wanted to block it, they wanted to kick

it," CC coach Tom Mach said.

For the second-straight week, CC needed a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to win.

Steve Ivy's 46-yard yard punt return gave the Shamrocks possession at Fordson's 37 with 3:30 remaining.

Following a 1-yard run by Kyle

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and most of the placekicking duties. His favorite target is senior tight end Nick Brzezinski but junior tight end/wide receiver Matt Lorida has become a viable option with Jason Woehke out the last three weeks with an ankle injury.

Lorida caught two passes for 40 yards last week, including one that covered 30 yards and led to the Shamrocks winning score. He also had an interception on defense.

Entaminger, CC quarterback Dave Lusky found Matt Lorida open in the secondary for a 30-yard gain to the 7.

On first down, Entaminger took a pitch and followed the block of Kava into the end zone for a 12-lead with 2:19 left.

Fordson had a final chance but a fourth down and eight pass from its 42 was knocked down by CC linebacker Casey Rogowski.

John Kava led the Shamrocks with 94 yards in 21 carries and Entaminger, who hobbled off the field afterward with a knee

injury, had 46 yards in 14 attempts.


Dave Lusky was sacked twice and completed four of nine passes for 91 yards with two interceptions. He also contributed a key play on defense, with an interception he returned the ball to the Fordson 3.

Kava scored on the next play, giving CC a 6-0 with 1:14 left.

Fordson's Moussa Hamka returned the ensuing kickoff to the CC 7 and a face mask penalty on the Shamrocks put the ball at the 3. Two plays later, Rendell Winston scored, tying it at 6-6, leading into the two teams' epic struggle for the extra point.

CC finished with 259 total yards to the Tractors' 131. Fordson finishes with an 8-2 record.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
4:00 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1998

Regular meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.
 Present: Karen Woodside, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Terry Bennett
 Agenda - adopted as amended.
 Minutes of regular meeting of September 28, 1998 - approved.
 Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$656,077.13 - approved.
 Operations & Maintenance Report for September, 1998 - received and filed.
 Operations Manager's Report for October, 1998 - received and filed.
 Year 2000 Compliance Update Report - received and filed.
 Northville Township Interceptor Connection; Stonerwater Subdivision No. 3 - approved.
 Fiscal Year-End Budget Amendments (FY 97/98) - approved.
 Project Budget Amendments (Sewer Redirection, Building Expansion and Storage Building) - approved.
 Wet Well Odor Control Structure (Lower Road) Engineers Certificate No. 6 - Final Payment - approved.
 The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

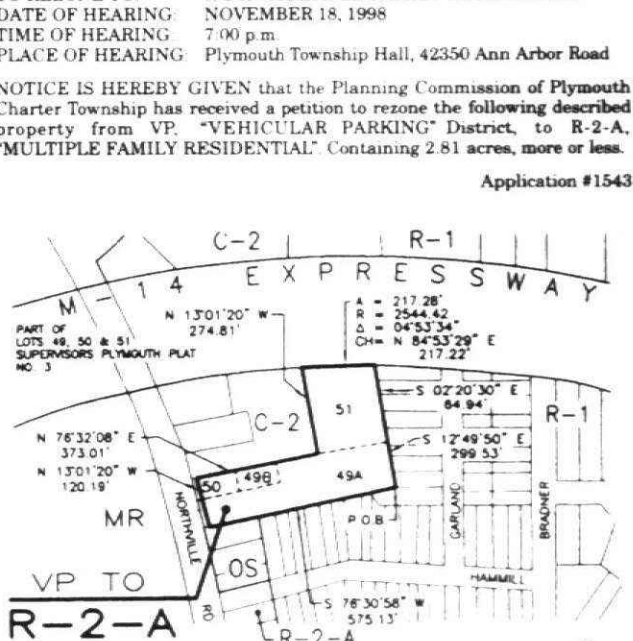
KAREN M. WOODSIDE
 Vice Chairperson
 This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.
 Publish: November 12, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1-H, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.
 TO REZONE TO: R-2-A, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.
 DATE OF HEARING: NOVEMBER 18, 1998.
 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
 PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1-H, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to IND "INDUSTRIAL" District. Containing 20.42 acres, more or less.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Application #1549



TAX I.D. NOS:
 (a) R78-010-99-0005-000 (b) R78-010-99-0004-000
 (c) R78-010-99-0003-000 (d) R78-010-99-0002-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 Part of the northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as:
 Commencing at the northwest corner of Section 21, thence along the north line of Section 21, N 86°39'13" E 1322.33 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing along the said line, N 86°39'13" E 276.05 feet, thence S 00°03'13" W 801.43 feet, thence S 89°56'47" E 216.24 feet, thence S 00°03'44" E 1476.89 feet to the northeast corner of "Plymouth Corporate Park", a subdivision recorded in Liber 104 of Plat, pages 57 & 58, Wayne County Records, thence along the north line of "Plymouth Corporate Park", S 89°58'20" W 490.74 feet, said point being N 00°03'48" E 653.16 feet & N 89°58'20" E 1320.00 feet from the west 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, thence N 00°03'48" W 891.92 feet, thence S 89°56'12" W 223 feet, thence N 00°03'13" E 1170.73 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 20.4176 acres. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit any part thereof used, taken or needed for street, road or highway purposes. Subject to easements and restrictions of record.

ORDINANCE NO. 83
 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 104
 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
 WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
 ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____ EFFECTIVE DATE _____

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

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MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
 Planning Commission

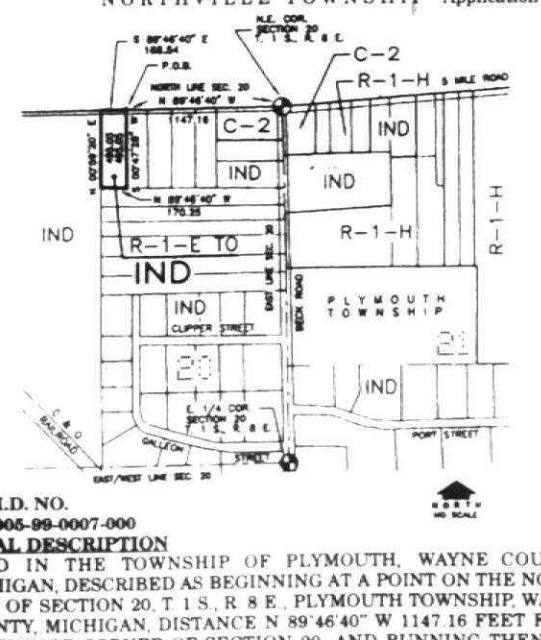
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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 TO REZONE TO: IND, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.
 DATE OF HEARING: NOVEMBER 18, 1998.
 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
 PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Application #155



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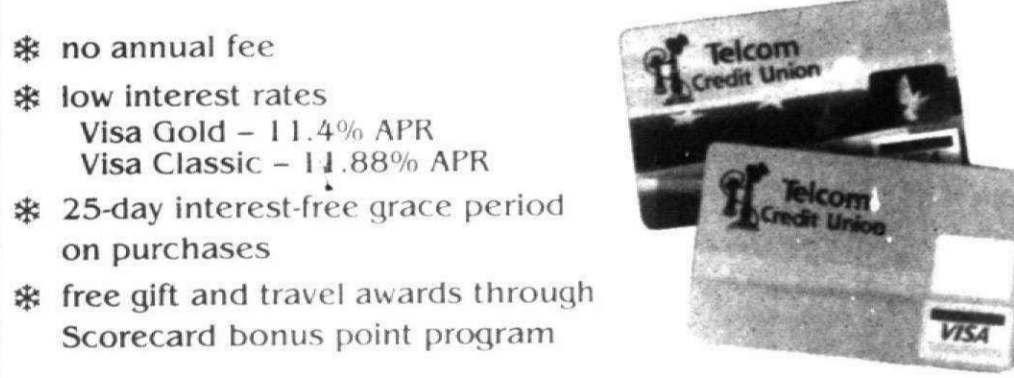
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Cross country *from page C1*

149th (242nd overall) in 17:33. "We had a good season," said Baker. "If we'd finished in the top five at state, we'd have had a great season."

The Rocks will lose Allen, Jon Little, Cushman, Anderson and Davis to graduation, and while those are considerable losses, Baker doesn't believe they will be insurmountable.

"We're not going to have to rebuild, just reload," he said, with runners like Craig Little, Manvir Gill and perhaps Warner (who also plays soccer) return-

ing.

PCA places 13th

Plymouth Christian Academy made its first trip to the Class D state meet a successful one, with the majority of its runners posting personal bests to help the Eagles tie for 12th in the team standings Saturday at MIS in Brooklyn.

The tiebreaker, the sixth runner, went to Genessee, relegating PCA to 13th officially. Both teams scored 293 points; Bear Lake won the title with 64, fol-

lowed by Grass Lake (81) and New Buffalo (108).

The Eagles' Jordan Roose earned all-state honors by finishing 14th in 17:08. Roose, a junior, qualified for state last year as an individual; he finished 54th.

Other finishers for PCA were Dave Carty, 44th (18:15); Mike Huntsman, 56th (18:49); Nate Worley, 90th (20:28); Mike Atkinson, 91st (20:29); James Bauslaugh, 92nd (20:32); and Nick Roupas, 94th (20:38).

"It was a great learning experience for all of them," said PCA coach Steve Bauslaugh. "They were hoping to get into the top 10, but there were no bad teams there. They all ran really hard, and most of the guys ran their best times of the season."

"This will go down as the best season in school history."

At least until next year. Bauslaugh will have all seven of his top runners returning; his top four finishers were juniors, mixed in with two sophomores

and a freshman. "They're eager for next year — they're looking forward to it."

Salem, Canton girls shine

Both Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton had individual competitors at the Class A cross country finals Saturday at MIS in Brooklyn, and both turned in creditable performances.

Canton's Sarah Rucinski, a junior, finished 107th overall in 19:44 — a step ahead of Salem freshman Kelly Solano, who was

108th in 19:45.

"She topped off a great season, a learning season," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach of Solano. "She's only a freshman, and it took the entire year for her to learn how to be a cross country runner. We're looking forward to the coming years to see what she can do."

Canton coach George Przygodski said of Rucinski's performance: "She exceeded expectation. Next year, we expect even more leadership — and another trip to the state meet."

WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Nov. 12

Ply. Christian at A.P. Cabrini, 6 p.m.
Clarenceville at Kingswood, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Det. Kettering at Borgess, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 13

Det. Northern at Borgess, 3:30 p.m.
(WLAAC Playoffs at Churchill)

Canton vs. Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Nov. 14

(WHAC Tourney at Madonna)

Madonna vs. Tri-State, 10 a.m.
Cornerstone vs. Siena Hts., noon.

Championship final, 4 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, Nov. 13

(University of Windsor Tourney)

Cornerstone vs. Viturbo (Wis.), 6 p.m.
Madonna vs. Windsor, 8 p.m.

(Macomb Tip-Off Classic)

Schoolcraft vs. Muskegon, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Windsor Tournament, 2 & 4 p.m.
(Macomb Tip-Off Classic)

Schoolcraft vs. Lake Michigan, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Nov. 13

(NAIA Great Lakes Region Tourney at Illinois-Springfield)

Springfield vs. Rio-TWU winner, 4 p.m.
Madonna vs. Geneva-Dominican, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Great Lakes NAIA Region Final at Illinois-Springfield, 7 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Nov. 13

Ply. Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Kitchener vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

Spartan golfer going to TCU

BY BRAD EMONS
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The state's top junior golfer has made his decision.

Michigan Amateur runner-up and Division I state champion Steve Polanski of Livonia Stevenson signed an NCAA letter-of-intent Wednesday with Texas Christian University.

He will be the recipient of an endowed Ben Hogan Scholarship.

The choice came down to perennial NCAA championship contender Oklahoma State and TCU. Polanski also made visits to Georgia and Wake Forest.

"My heart told me TCU and I just think I fit in better with the kids there," Polanski said. "The small class environment was also a big plus for me."

"It was pretty tough telling the other coaches."

TCU, located in Fort Worth, Tex., competes in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

The Horned Frogs' men's golf program also has emerged as a top ten team during the past five years under the coaching of Bill Montigel.

Although OSU has a more storied history in men's golf sending several well-known players to the PGA Tour, Polanski looks at TCU as an opportunity to bring the program to greater heights.

"I could be another in a long line of good players at Oklahoma State, but at TCU I look at it as a chance to make a name for myself," Polanski said. "They really haven't had any big names come through the program. A guy named J.J. Henry just got his tour card."

Polanski, who is leaning toward majoring in business, also liked the fact that TCU uses five different country clubs as its home course, including the prestigious Colonial.

"They play a lot of sweet courses," he said. "And the WAC is a good league. They play UNLV, which is a very good golf school."

Polanski's next competition will be Nov. 20-26 at the two Disney Courses in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. in the AGJA Polo Junior Classic.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Surfin' Pluto (pictured), **Duncan Sheik**, **Hooverphonic**, and **Jill Jack** perform as part of the "Light Up Detroit!" concert, to benefit the America's Thanksgiving Parade. Doors open 7 p.m. with 8 p.m. showtime, **State Theatre**, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$20 in advance, call (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY



Jeanne DeLong stars as **Amalia**, and her sister, **Patty Ward**, is the choreographer, for the **Village Players** production of the musical, "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. at the theater, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham. Tickets \$14, \$12 students, call (248) 644-2075. See story inside.

SUNDAY

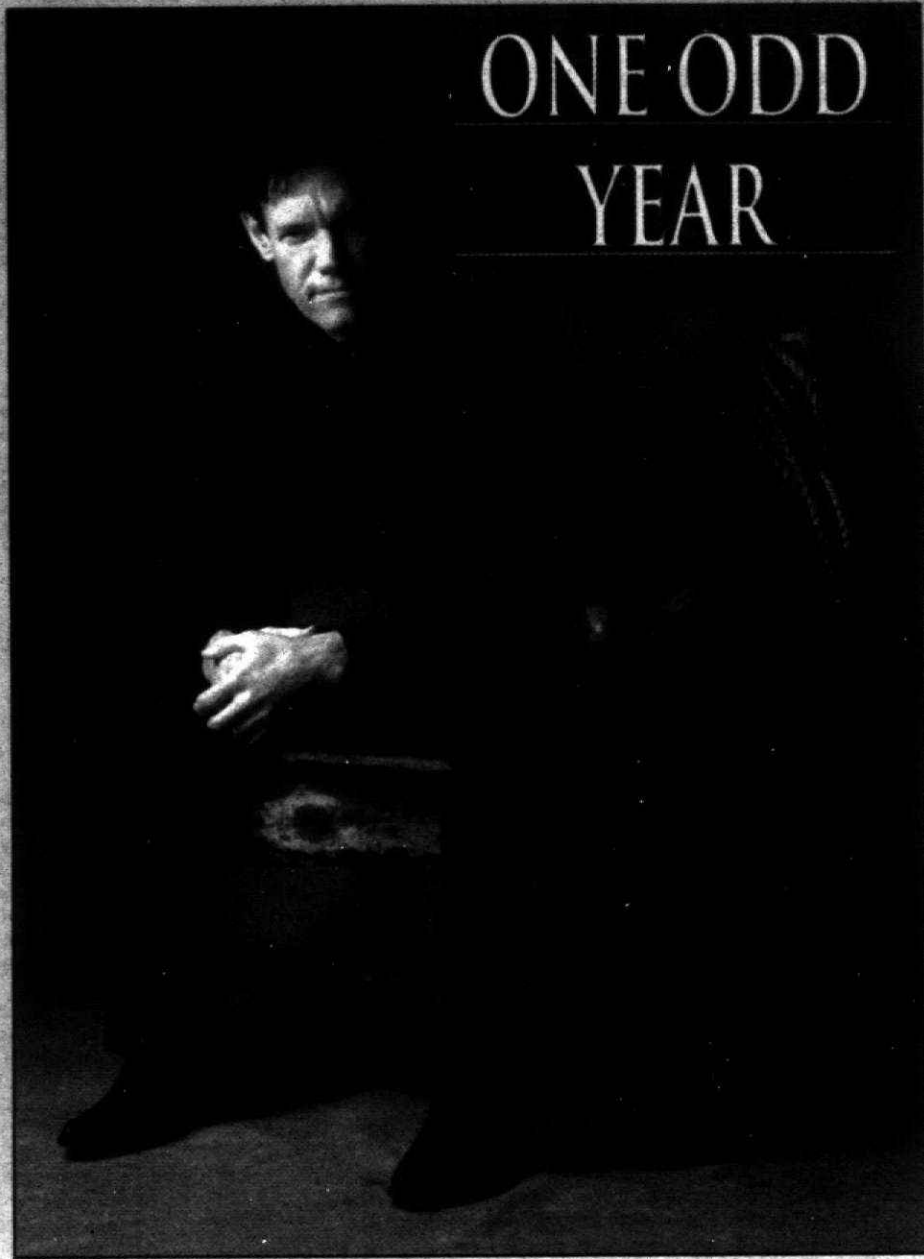


Youtheatre at **Music Hall**, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, presents the classic "Black Beauty," a heart-warming new musical for families with children ages seven and above, by **New York's Theatreworks/USA**. Curtain 2 p.m., tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.

HOT TICKET



The Buffalo Soldier: The African American Soldier in the U.S. Army, 1866-1912, a new exhibit at the **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History**, 315 E. Warren, Detroit, opens Saturday, Nov. 14, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission \$5-adults, \$3 children (17 and under), and free for members and children under 5. Call (313) 494-5800 for information.



ONE ODD YEAR

Dual career: Randy Travis is taking time out from his busy film career to promote his latest album "You and You Alone" with a show at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

RANDY TRAVIS LOOKS AHEAD AFTER A SAD AND BUSY 1998

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BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Country singer Randy Travis just can't wait for this year to be over.

As the first country artist signed to DreamWorks SKG label, he's been busy promoting his album "You and You Alone." Travis wrapped up two films, "Black Dog" with Patrick Swayze, and "The White River Kid" with Antonio Banderas and Ellen Barkin.

"This year has been going unbelievably fast. But when you work non-stop, it seems to go faster. We seem to be going from just one project right to the next, combining projects, writing music and recording," Travis explained.

On top of all that, death has surrounded Travis.

"It's been a strange year. My horse, the descendant I had from Trigger died. My mom died in May. I had a little strange incident with a limo driver who picked us up a month ago, he died when we were leaving the Los Angeles airport."

"It's been an odd year."

When told the year is almost over, maybe next year will be better. He responded with a hearty laugh, "They have to be picking up." Despite the ups and downs,

WHO: Randy Travis and Mark Willis

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

WHERE: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

HOW: Tickets are \$22.50 and \$10 reserved, \$32.50 for Superfan seating. The \$10 ticket price is in honor of The Palace's 10th anniversary. Groups of 20 or more receive \$2 off the \$22.50 and \$10 tickets. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

Travis was able to shoehorn time to record "You and You Alone."

"Because of the time restraints and filming, we recorded that while we were finishing filming 'Black Dog.' We recorded some in Los Angeles, some in Nashville, some in Las Vegas and some in North Carolina. Usually I don't do that. I usually record everything in Nashville," Travis explained.

Life was made a little bit easier, however, when he showed up to the "Black Dog" soundstage in Wilmington, N.C. There was a recording studio 100 yards away. All he needed then was material to record.

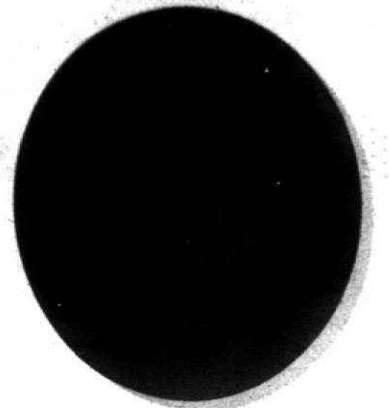
"We were looking for material throughout filming 'Black Dog.' James Stroud and Byron Gallimore, the two producers, and myself constantly looking for material for 'You and You Alone' album. They would come and visit and we'd sit and listen to songs that they had found, or I had found. Slowly but surely, it took about five months, we put it all together," Travis explained.

While on the "Black Dog" set, Travis invited Patrick Swayze to sing background vocals on "I Did My Part," while Alison Krauss and Dan Tyminski lend their talents to "I'm Still Here, You're Still Gone."

Although Travis prefers to work at a slower pace, he is adamant about continuing his film and music career. Eight years ago, he and his wife, Lib, proposed the idea of venturing into film.

"I had some friends on the 'Young Guns' set and we visited them. I did a small little nothing part. I think 'fire' is the word that I said, or shoot or something like that. It was fun to do."

"But I've been a singer since I was 8 years old. I started working before an audience at 9. It's something I have to do," Travis explained.



Hayley Lauren Niederquell

Eight-year-old enjoys playing role in 'Evita'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Hayley Lauren Niederquell tried out for "The Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre and got called back. She didn't get the part, but she's not too disappointed.

"It's a blessing that she didn't get in," said Hayley's mom, Leslie. Something else came along - "Evita" playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Nov. 22.

The stage manager of "Evita" called Shirl Harris, publicist for the Fisher and Masonic Temple Theatres, on Monday, Oct. 26, and said they were looking for two children between the ages of 7 and 9.

Harris called Terry Carpenter at Meadow Brook Theatre and Cate Foltin at Stagecrafters in Royal Oak to get

"Evita"

WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Sunday, Nov. 22

WHERE: Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit

TICKETS: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday performances, \$50, \$42.50 and \$30; Friday-Saturday performances, and matinees, \$55, \$45 and \$32.50. Call (248) 645-6666, or (313) 832-2232 or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

While her friends were out trick-or-treating, Hayley was at the theater rehearsing for her three scenes - a girl scout at the Charity Concert and peasant girls in the Casa Rosada and Santa Evita scenes. She doesn't have any lines but has to know how to move on stage.

"I like the cast a lot and really like my director," said Hayley. "Everyone is so generous and nice."

Hayley and her family live near the Ridgedale Players playhouse in Troy, and enjoy going to shows. Hayley's been going to the theater since she was 2, and performed in her first show, a Junior Ridgedale Players production - "The Royal Easter Ball," when she was

Please see EVITA, E2

THEATER

'You ain't heard nothing yet': Burstyn plays Jolson

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Actor Mike Burstyn has appeared on stage as such bigger-than-life showmen as Mike Todd and PT Barnum but none bigger than his current role as "The World's Greatest Entertainer" - Al Jolson.

"He was gifted with an enormous God-given talent," Burstyn said. "He was unique for his time and any time. No one came up with the things he did. He simply used his talent and his ego to pioneer things in our business which we're benefitting from today."

Burstyn opens as the great singer in "Jolson: The Musical" Nov. 17 for a week run at the Fisher Theatre.

Burstyn said Jolson was to show business what the Wright Brothers were to aviation and Picasso to painting - an innovator who changed things forever.

He ticks off the Jolson firsts: first person to do a one-man show, first million-

WHAT: "Jolson: The Musical," a stage biography of the famous entertainer.

WHERE: Detroit's Fisher Theatre

WHEN: Nov. 17-22, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

TICKETS: \$36-\$60, available at the Fisher Theatre Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (248) 645-6666.

aire entertainer, pulling down \$17,000 a week in 1912, first singer to have a million-selling record, first entertainer to entertain troops during World War II, first entertainer to have two movies made about his life while he was still living, and, of course, first movie star to talk on screen.

Jolson first stepped on the stage in 1899 when he was 13. By 1912, he was



Showman: Mike Burstyn performs "Sittin' On Top of the World" with the Rooney Sisters in "Jolson"

Please see JOLSON, E2

Evita from page E1

6. "I was always like I want to be in a play," she said. "I got just a little part, but people said 'wow, she's really good.'"

Hayley performed in the Junior Ridgeville Players annual Christmas play in 1996 and 1997, and the Easter play in 1997. Last April she was a member of the youth chorus for the Village Players of Birmingham production of "Bye-Bye Birdie."

She doesn't know where her acting talent comes from but says "it's just a special thing." Her mom says she was always acting and singing and goofing around. "She's very outgoing," said Leslie. "She's not a timid person. She didn't even care if we stayed when we took her to the Junior Ridgeville Players. She just wasn't afraid."

Seeing Hayley perform on stage at the Masonic Temple was a moving experience for Leslie. "It brought tears to my eyes. I thought she was great." Performing at the Masonic Temple Theatre is Hayley's dream come true. "When I was a little girl my mom used to take me to shows," she said. "We went to see 'Annie,' and I leaned over and told her, 'mom, someday it will be me on stage,' and it is I thought it would happen when I was 18 or 19, I never thought it would happen so fast."

Leslie remembers that moment and leaning over to tell Leslie, "I know it will be you on stage someday."

Hayley is having fun, even though it is a tough schedule. She starts school at five to nine, comes home at 3:40 p.m., has a snack, does her homework, eats

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Hayley Lauren Niederquell
appearing in 'Evita'

dinner, and leaves for the theater at 7 p.m. She's home by 11 p.m. Her mom, and dad, Brad and older brother, Derek, 13, are supportive. "My brother, said, 'Wow Hayley, I'm so proud of you,' and he tells all his girlfriends and friends," said Hayley with a giggle. One of her brother's friends even asked for her autograph.

Three weeks ago Hayley started voice lessons at Gusoppo's Music Center in Sterling Heights. She likes the oldies. "Leader of the Pack," is one of her favorite songs. "I love the singing, it's so perfect," she said. Her other favorites are, "My Boyfriend's Back," "Soldier Boy," "Johnny Angel," "Wild Thing" and "One Last Kiss."

Eight is a little young to know what you want to be when you grow up, but Hayley said she's like to be a teacher and an actress so she could teach and do acting.

Her favorite part about being on stage is seeing different people smile at what we do. I want to show other people how easy it is," she said. "I want other people to say they 'can do this too,' so I can see them on stage."

Sisters have fun working together

Village Players of Birmingham present the musical "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 15 and 22, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets \$14, \$12 students, call (248) 644-2075.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
Staff Writer
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When Patty Ward, who is choreographing "She Loves Me" for the Village Players of Birmingham, heard the soundtrack, she called her sister Jeanne DeLong, and said, "I think you should listen to this."

Ward encouraged her sister to audition for the leading part, Amalia. "I fell in love with the music, and the lady's voice sounded just like my sister," said Ward. "She fell in love with it too, and I talked her into auditioning for the part."

DeLong is active with the Avon Players in Rochester Hills and always wanted to work with her sister who is active with Village

Players. "She Loves Me," opening this Friday, gave them the opportunity.

DeLong got the part, and Ward worked with her and the other cast members staging the musical by Joe Masteroff with music by Jerry Robbins and Sheldon Harnick, to life.

"There are a lot of songs where you have to stage movements such as a scene in a cafe with a waiter setting up tables," said Ward. "It's more of a singing song."

For Ward, whose first love is performing, working behind the scenes is a new experience. "It's interesting to see the whole puzzle, as opposed to just concentrating on what you're doing on stage," she said. "It's been really fun."

Working with her sister, the youngest of 13 children, is also fun. "We trust each other's judgment, and have been doing practice auditions for each other for years," she said. "It's nice to have another actress in the family, and to have that support."

Both women agree "She Loves Me," is a "like a little jewel" on one's discovered. It doesn't have a hit song, but all the songs are precious, fun and romantic. All the characters are likable, even the villain, is a charming villain," said Ward.

Each song tells a story. There are hundreds of props, and for Ward, the challenge is designing movement to enhance the songs, and not get in the way.

For both women, working in the theater is a treat. They're both busy moms. Ward has three children ranging in age from 11 to 16, and DeLong, two, ages 6 months and 4 1/2.

DeLong is enjoying working with her sister. "She was kind of my mentor," said DeLong. "She's my big sister and encouraged me."

Working on the show has been an interesting experience because DeLong said she hadn't thought about auditioning.

"It's going to be great. I'm thrilled to be doing this with my sister. She's a wonderful choreographer, very creative. We have a

wonderful cast. I think it's going to be a dynamite show," said DeLong. She describes "She Loves Me" as kind of an old-fashioned boy meets girl story. They meet through the Lonely Hearts Club column of a newspaper, which is what we refer to as the Personals today.

They start writing letters to each other and fall in love, not realizing that they work in the same perfume shop. At work, Amalia and George (portrayed by Jamie Mistry) don't like each other, and are always bickering. The show takes place at Christmastime. It's a nice way to begin the holiday season.

"I think it's delightful, it's the cutest show," said DeLong. "There's a lot of singing, it's a really wholesome musical, you could bring your kids to it. There are no swear words, it's a family show."

As opening night nears, the sisters are excited and a little nervous, but not worried.

"The opening night magic will happen," said Ward. "And everything will be perfect."

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Zany 'Tuna Christmas' an early holiday treat

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BY BOB WEBER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Farmington Players are presenting an early holiday treat - an entertaining and lively production of the zany comedy, "A Tuna Christmas."

That's tuna as in Tuna, Texas (the state's third smallest town). One suspects Tuna has another record of sorts, the whole burg is dysfunctional. At least that's the impression one has from meeting 22 of them, played by two actors. Therein lies much of the fun.

Hank Bennett and Frank Markus are a boot playing loony, but lovable good old boys and their women folk. Co-directors Margaret Gilkes and Vicki Grukke are to be congratulated for encouraging them to take chances in creating an attitude for each role.

Bennett and Markus play off each other like a comic team with years of experience reading each other's moves, timing and expressions. Very impressive. Especially, when there are only so many ways to effect male and female versions of a Texas drawl.

Clever costuming by Barbie Amann and Marge Wetzel plays a major role. Dressers Mike Smith and Sue Rogers certainly earn their curtain call (as Tuna Helpers) performing the many changes.

In a series of sketches, the play asks the questions: Who is the "Christmas Phantom" that's desecrating yard displays (and who

will win first prize); and, Will the lights be turned out on the local theater troupe's "A Christmas Carol" for not paying its light bill?

The answers are unimportant. Tuna, Texas is the most conservative town in the USA. Creators Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams purpose (as was the case in their earlier hit "Greater Tuna") is to satirize the moral majority, narrow-mindedness, et al.

Arlis Struvie (Markus) and Thurston Wheelis (Bennett), announcers at the local radio station (OKKK), alert citizens that the "Smut Snatchers" will be censoring hymns (Christians shouldn't be singing about "round young virgins"). One of Markus' more riveting characters is angry, wheezing, Didi Snavely, gun owner with a motto, "If we can't kill it, it's immortal."

Markus gives new meaning to taking a drag on a cigarette.

Bennett has a jolly good time as Bertha Bumiller, long suffering wife of a drunken husband and three bratty kids (all played deftly by Markus). Bertha is especially proud of a tree ornament made by her son, Stanley, in reform school. Daughter, Charlene, (with about the largest pear-shaped bottom ever seen) wants to be a cheerleader, an actress, or something.

Other exquisite Bennett characterizations include good 'ol boy Sheriff Givens and Joe Bob Lipseay, gay director, direct from the big time (Lubbock, Texas). Perhaps his best is Pearl Barras, senior citizen with an ongoing battle with wildlife. "Only way to have animals is stuffed on the wall. Just dust 'em once a week."

Bennett and Markus give us the bachelorettes view of life as two daffy waitresses at the local Taster's Krems. With biting humor, they poignantly try to get a life in Tuna for the holidays.



Comedy: Hank Bennett (left) and Frank Markus in a scene from the Farmington Players production of "A Tuna Christmas."

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents 'Anything Goes'

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Anything Goes" by Cole Porter, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 13-28, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, Northville (west of I-275 between Haggerty

and Northville Roads). Tickets \$11 in advance, or \$12 at the door. Call (248) 349-7110.

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Rosedale Players present comedy

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While getting his teeth cleaned, Dennis Day of Livonia learned about the Rosedale Community Players from the dental hygienist.

"She asked me if I had ever auditioned for them. When I said no, she said she'd give me the phone number, and two weeks later she did."

Day is in the current production of "The Sisters Rosensweig," which continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, Nov. 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, (near Lahser) Detroit.

Tickets are \$10, group and senior rates available, call (248) 532-4010 or Margaret Boss (313) 537-7716.

"They're very nice people. It's like your own dinner theater. People bring food to eat. They make you feel warm and welcome."

"The Sisters Rosensweig" by Wendy Wasserstein is the story of three sisters who get together for one of the sister's 54th birthday. "The oldest sister, Sarah, lives in England, and she invites her other two sisters for a family reunion, and to celebrate her birthday."

During the visit, the sisters relive memories, and cope with problems. Day portrays Tom, the boyfriend of Sarah's daughter, Tess. "It's a great role, a lot of fun," said Day. "All the characters are strong. During their visit all of these strange funny characters show up."

Day, who owns his own medical equipment servicing company, and also works as an actor and model, said the show is very entertaining and will make you laugh and cry at the same time.

"It's about life, the trials and tribulations, and how you look back," he said.

The show also features Steve Evans of Bloomfield Hills and Barbara Mathers of Walled Lake.

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the toast of Broadway. His dramatic emotional singing style, his black-face minstrel showmanship and his enormous, non-stop energy made him the biggest star in show business. In 1927, he made the transition to movies in the first talking film, "The Jazz Singer," uttering the immortal phrase, "You ain't heard nothing yet!"

Burstyn comes from a theatrical family with ties to Jolson. His father Pesach'ke Burstein performed in the New York Yiddish theater and knew Jolson.

"My father was similar to Jolson except he performed in Yiddish. He came to the United States in 1924 and appeared at the same theater as Jolson. He became a recording artist for Columbia and performed Jolson's hits in Yiddish," Burstyn said. When Burstyn was 10 he bought a Jolson recording and he's been a fan ever since.

Burstyn began performing, himself, like Jolson, as a child. He started touring with his parents and sister when he was 7 years old.

"We traveled everywhere there was a Jewish community that spoke Yiddish. I switched to Hebrew theater when we moved to Israel in 1962 and have been working there all my life," Burstyn said.

In addition to living and performing in Israel, Burstyn has performed on and off Broadway and throughout the world. He won an Outer Circle Award nomination for his portrayal of Todd in "Ain't Broadway Grand" and a Drama Desk Award nomination for his portrayal of Mayer Rothschild in the musical "The Rothschilds." He has also played Barnum, Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof," Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls" and other roles.

"Jolson: The Musical" was originally produced in Britain.

Burstyn is now on a 34-city national tour before going to Broadway. It's a physically demanding role and one that begs comparison with Jolson, himself, and with Larry Parks, who memorably played the singer in two film biographies.

Burstyn said the musical uses a brief film clip of Parks toward the end, when the success of the films brought Jolson back to the limelight.

"He had artistic and script approval over those films, which were caramelized, sugar-coated versions of his life, the life he wished he had lived," Burstyn said.

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Burstyn said the loss of Jolson's mother when he was still a boy had a strong effect on his life.

"He was really a scared little boy all his life," Burstyn said. "The great songs associated with Jolson and composed by some of the leading song writers of his time are used in the production, including 'Let Me Sing and I'm Happy.' I'm sitting on Top of the World,' 'Blue Skies,' 'April Showers,' 'Sonny Boy' and 'Swanee,' George Gershwin's first hit.

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2nd City debuts revue

The Second City-Detroit will celebrate its fifth anniversary by premiering its 14th live comedy revue, "Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend," 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19.

The cast featuring Larry Campbell, Margaret Exner, Eric Black, Keegan Michael Key, and Mary Jane Poires will be joined by newcomer Nyima Woods to give audiences a retrospective look at the hilarity of The Second City throughout the past five years. Second City mainstage alumni, Rico Bruce Wade, remains at the helm as producer, and Marc Evan Jackson continues to harmonize with the cast using his musical talents.

Joshua Funk will sit in the director's chair, the first time a former Second City mainstage actor has taken on directorial duties.

Previews for "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," will run through Nov. 18, with the show officially opening Nov. 19.

Performances 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast also performs an improvisational set, free of charge, after every performance Wednesday-Sunday (after 10:30 p.m. show on Fridays and Saturdays). Tickets \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, \$17.50 Fridays, and \$19.50 Saturdays. Call the ticket office (313) 965-2222, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

Patrons can enjoy a night out at the Second City building, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, by enjoying dinner before or after the show at Risata restaurant located on the second level. If audiences want to get into the spirit of Hockeytown, they can visit the newly opened bar, The 5 Hole, on the third level.

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"A Tuna Christmas" comedy by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, Nov. 20-21 and Nov. 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, 1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

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'Waterboy' quenches thirst for football fun

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

I laughed; so sue me. Adam Sandler's ambition to be the next millennium's Jerry Lewis has made him easy pickings in films like "Billy Madison" and "Happy Gilmore." That won't change with "The Waterboy." But it will be harder, at least, to deny that the writer/actor is for real.

Using his "Cajun Man" character from "Saturday Night Live" as a springboard, Sandler's big screen version is one sorrowful school. It worked for Lewis as "The Bellboy," "The Errand Boy" and "The Geisha Boy." Why not "The Waterboy"? Bobby Boucher is a socially

inept, 31-year-old stuttering simpleton from the swamps of Louisiana. His mama (the wonderfully loud Kathy Bates) has home-schooled him right there on the bayou, with only a toilet-drinking live-in mole as a classmate. Typical science lessons: Happiness comes from the sun's rays, alligators are mean because they have so many teeth and no toothbrush, and Mama herself invented electricity. Don't mess with Mama if you think otherwise.

Bobby lives to dispense "high quality H2O" to the local college football players, who rag him mercilessly. When our waterboy ("I'm a Water Distribution Engineer") is fired by the coach (coun-

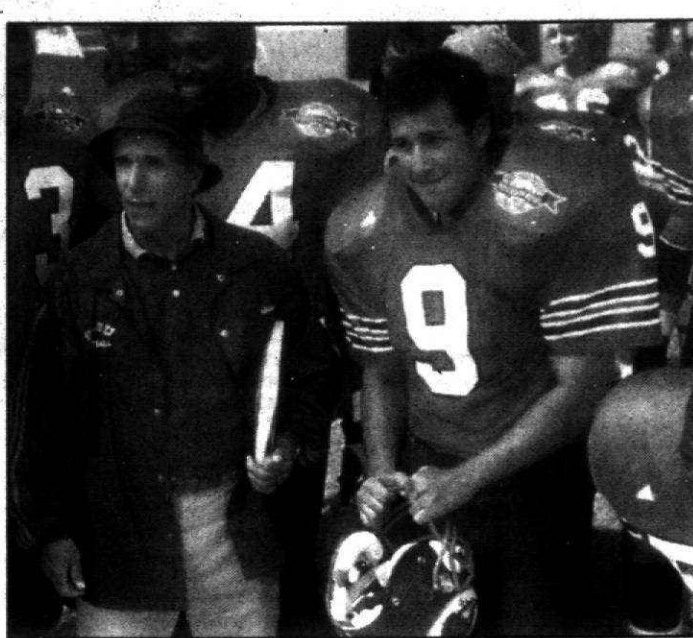
try's Jerry Reed), he gets a simple job with Reed's rival, Coach Klein (Henry Winkler), whose Mud Dogs have amassed a 40-game losing streak.

Bobby is put on the team when his imagination morphs the faces of opposing players into those of his tormentors — including Mama — and he becomes a lean, mean tackling machine. The lanky linebacker is a one-man highlight film. He delivers such bone-crushing, breath-sucking sacks that the team makes it into the Bourbon Bowl, his chance for ultimate redemption.

It was covered by ESPN. That is, unless Mama finds out; she doesn't approve of Bobby "playin' no foose-ball."

Winkler's droopy-dog coach looks at life like it's a third down, and very, very long, and who hasn't been there? And Bates' swamp queen might be the one person rejected by The Jerry Springer Show.

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Thirst quencher: Shy, socially inept, Louisiana bayou native Bobby Boucher (Adam Sandler, right), is a college football team waterboy who after being fired from one team, is hired by the coach (Henry Winkler, left) of another team where he proves to be a waterboy with a talent for tackling.

All right, Sandler stiffens his lower lip and stays in one groove the whole film through. All right, almost all the big laughs stem from those sound-enhanced hits on the field. And all right, almost none of the many "Airplane"-style quick-cut sight gags even approaches funny.

But there are an awful lot of young filmmakers who are going to find enough to like to make "The Waterboy" a big hit in this pre-holiday season.

Sandler's character, after all, is a lot more reachable here than in "The Wedding Singer," which has taken in \$120 million at the box office and video stores. He's a dope who wears his daddy's old leisure suits, but he's our dope.

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Holiday comedy: Jonathan Taylor Thomas (right) stars as Jake Wilkinson, and Jessica Biel as his girlfriend Allie, in 'I'll Be Home for Christmas.'

When the pop band Garbage pulled up to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit in November 1995, guitarist Steve Marker admitted it was a nerve-racking experience.

"That was our fourth show ever. We had not the slightest idea what we were doing. It was scary to actually see lines of people outside. We had people showing up looking for autographs and stuff," Marker said.

At the time, Garbage was touring in support of its self-titled debut. When the band recorded the album, it hadn't planned on touring or playing the material live. So the attention was all a bit of a shock to the foursome of Marker, drummer/loop guru Butch Vig, vocalist/guitarist Shirley Manson and guitarist/keyboardsist/six-string and fuzz bassist Duke Erikson.

"It [touring] hadn't even occurred to us," Marker said of

real band. It felt like we were an actual rock band. We had spent all that time on the road. We wrote it once as four of us in one room rather than individuals bringing pieces of songs and putting it together. We just set up our live stage gear in our room and started making noise and improvising and seeing without much thought being put into it just sort of making noise again. Gradually some sort of songs emerged out of that muck."

This time around, Manson contributed lyrics. "The first record was the four of us putting ideas in the head, and cutting and pasting them together. She felt more secure with writing entire songs. She was putting her viewpoint more strongly together. I think that comes across in her performance too."

"Version 2.0," he added, was "a long process." It took "one day less than a year" to record, master and mix. "Part of it is because equip-

ment is blowing up all the time and we have to get it fixed. We enjoy being in the studio. It's always been our goal to take pop songs and give them an interesting sonic twist. We try to make them sound interesting to us and that involves playing around in the studio. That's what we like to do."

Marker said that listeners have had varied responses to "Version 2.0" but the bottom line is beneath all the samples, guitars and vocals, Garbage is still dark.

"Some people say, 'I can't believe how upbeat and happy this record is. Some people say it seems more positive and some people say they can't believe how dark it is. Different people get different things,'" Marker said.

Garbage and Girls Against Boys perform Thursday, Nov. 12, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The all-ages show is sold out. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

Farmington's Aks Mamma CD spreads ska energy



CHRISTINA FUOCO

When 1996 Roper School graduate Paul Royal joined Aks Mamma, he wasn't schooled in the genre of ska, a speeded up form of reggae.

"When I joined the band I didn't know what ska was. I didn't click with it at first. But I love it now. It's fun," explained Royal, bassist.

"It's a celebration of life. You can sit back and listen to something that makes you feel good. It just energizes you."

Aks Mamma is having a celebration of its own on Saturday. The Farmington-based band is releasing its debut CD "Jolly Holidays" on the Wisconsin label Kick Save.

The album, recorded the summer of 1997 and spring of 1998 at Sound Cam studios in Warren, is a collaborative effort between every member of the band — Jeff Gandolfo, lead vocals/guitars, Pete Thrubis, backing vocals/baritone and tenor sax, Kevin Hall, trombone, Brian DeLeon, keyboards, and Jason "Skippy" Spisbergen, alto sax, of Farmington; Paul Royal, bass, of Detroit; Kevin Hall, trombone, of Farmington; Matt Thomas, trumpet, of Livonia; Mike Connor, who has been replaced by Arthur Curtis, drummer of Livonia; Brian DeLeon, keyboards, of Farmington; and Jason "Skippy" Spisbergen, alto sax, of Farmington — play St. Andrew's Hall.

All have creative input," said Royal, who is studying architecture at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

The band formed in 1994 as a four piece but added a horn section a year later. Already Aks Mamma has had plenty of oppor-

tunities to be heard. It was nominated for two Detroit Music Awards and shared the stage with top acts The Toasters, The Pietasters, The Suicide Machines, Mustard Plug and The Piffers, formerly of The Toasters.

"I think it reflects a lot more every member of the band. We

played live. The record company gently suggested that it might be wise to play a few dates to support the thing. We agreed to that. That was four years ago, and we basically haven't stopped since."

Garbage is once again on the road. This time supporting "Version 2.0," its appropriately titled sophomore effort. Marker explained that when the band recorded "Garbage" the three men and Manson were just getting to know each other. The trio recruited Manson as their lead singer after Vig saw her video with the band Angelfish on MTV.

With "Version 2.0," the quartet felt more comfortable with each other. "It was different because we had played that year and a half (together live). We made the first record and we didn't really know each other very well. We didn't know Shirley that much. So we were a bit more tentative," Marker said.

"The new record's more of a

fantasy about an otherworldly presence who assumes a human identity in order to reach a powerful businessman, only to fall in love with his daughter."

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"THE CRUISE" Bennett Miller's homemade, video-lensed documentary chronicles the life and times of an eccentric New York City tour guide.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 20
"AMERICAN HISTORY X" Exclusively at the Main Art. Contemporary drama about a family torn apart by hate and racism. Stars Edward Norton.

"MEET JOE BLACK" Romantic fantasy about an otherworldly presence who assumes a human identity in order to reach a powerful businessman, only to fall in love with his daughter.

"I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" Romantic comedy about a young couple on a cross-country mission to return home for the holidays.

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"CELEBRITY" A comedy written and directed by Woody Allen set in New York with all-star cast including Kenneth Branagh, Judy Davis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Melanie Griffith, Winona Ryder.

"ELIZABETH" Exclusively at the Main Art. Historical drama that chronicles how a young queen overcame internal conspiracy, assassination attempts and foreign opposition to emerge as one of Europe's most powerful monarchs during the 16th century. Stars Cate Blanchette, Geoffrey Rush, Joseph Fiennes, Richard Attenborough.

"ENEMY OF THE STATE" Action drama from producer Jerry Bruckheimer about how a chance encounter with an old friend destroys one attorney's life when he is framed for murder. Stars Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight, Scott Caan, Regina King.

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DINING

Great Gobbling at area's fine restaurants

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Do you want to spend more time with family and friends and away from the kitchen this Thanksgiving? Relax! Area restaurants make it possible.

If this sounds appealing, check out these Thursday, Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day options available at the following restaurants. Reserving in advance is strongly advised and in some cases essential.

■ **BOTSFORD INN** - 2800 Grand River, Farmington Hills (248) 474-4800.

Seatings for a Thanksgiving buffet in the main dining room begin at noon and can be scheduled on the hour until 4 p.m. In the coach house, seatings are on the hour between 1 and 4 p.m. The bountiful buffet includes salads, relishes, vegetable with dip in addition to roast turkey, savory dressing with all the trimmings, sliced roast beef with mushroom sauce, smoked cider-baked ham or baked cod fish. Choose from warm apple and cherry pie, bread pudding with bourbon sauce or pumpkin pie for dessert. Cost is \$19.95 per person plus \$1.50 beverage. Children age 10 and under half price.

■ **CHARLEY'S CRAB** - 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, next to Northfield Hilton, (248) 879-2060. From noon to 9 p.m., in addition to favorite Charley's Classics from the dinner menu, there's traditional fresh Amish roast turkey with rosemary creamed Brussels sprouts, sage stuffing, candied yams and Michigan cranberry relish \$13.75. Children's portion is \$6.75. Also offered with fresh autumn side dishes are Canadian goose with Port wine demiglace \$18.75; braised Colorado lamb shank with mushroom au jus \$14.50; and panko crumbed Lake Superior whitefish over lemon butter \$19.50.

■ **CLARKSTON CAFE** - 18 S. Main, Clarkston (248) 625-5660. From noon to 6 p.m., the Clarkston Cafe offers a traditional turkey dinner with stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, vegetable, mashed potatoes and gravy \$15.95. Children under-

five years old get a free turkey dinner with purchase of an adult entree. Other choices include, prime rib, pork loin or whitefish. Prices range \$15-20. All come with choice of soup or salad and bread basket.

■ **EXCALIBUR** - 28875 Franklin Road, (corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 358-3355. Open for dinner 2-10 p.m. Service will be from the dinner menu and Thanksgiving specials.

Or pick up a complete Thanksgiving dinner package for 6 to 8 people for \$125. The pre-cooked package comes with reheating instructions and includes a whole fresh-dressed turkey, traditional stuffing, butter-whipped potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry relish, fresh buttered green beans, mixed organic greens, rolls and flat bread, pumpkin and apple pie. This package must be reserved ahead and picked up between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

■ **HISTORIC HOLLY HOTEL** - 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner along with entrees such as garlic-roasted leg of lamb, poached Norwegian salmon or grilled New York strip steak, for those wanting to skip turkey. Included are cream of butternut squash soup, harvest greens salad and an assortment of desserts. Cost is \$20 per person. Children \$9.

■ **MACKINNON'S** - 126 E. Main, Northville (248) 348-1991. From 1-6 p.m. roast Amish turkey & dressing with all the trimmings is \$20, but there's also a dazzling array of la carte appetizers \$5-8 plus five other entrees in addition to turkey. If turkey is not your choice, you can opt for house-smoked cherry-ham with lingonberry reduction sauce \$21; 12-ounce prime aged New York strip \$27; roast lamb loin with rosemary reduction \$25; sweet potato encrusted whitefish buerre blanc \$24 or spinach wild mushroom linguine \$20. All entrees include choice of seasonal vegetables, potato and choice of soup of the day or house salad.

■ **MERIWETHER'S** - 25485 Telegraph Road, Southfield (248) 358-1310 from 2-8 p.m. Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, \$16 and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Selections of seafood, pastas and steaks from the regular menu range \$14-17.

■ **ROCHESTER CHOP HOUSE** - 306 North Main, Rochester (248) 651-2266. "Thanksgiving at our home" is the special theme from 12:30-6:30 p.m. Fresh Tom turkey served with buttered mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, spaghetti squash and cranberry relish is \$15. Children's portion for ages 13 and under \$6. But if you'd prefer roasted fall goose \$17; Michigan venison loin \$22; or cedar plank Atlantic salmon \$21.25 they're also on the Chop House menu with appropriate vegetables and potatoes.

■ **ROCKY'S BRIGHTON** - 5311 Brighton Road, Brighton (810) 227-7900 will only serve a Thanksgiving Day Buffet from noon to 8 p.m. at \$17 for adults and \$10 for children. Youngsters under age 5 eat free.

■ **ROCKY'S NORTHVILLE** - 41122 West Seven Mile Road,

Northville (248) 349-4434 offers a "Thanksgiving to Go" package serving 4-6 for \$56 or 8-10 for \$66. It includes a whole ready-to-cook turkey and all the fixins. Orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, Nov. 18 for pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

■ **SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE, CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT** - 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275), Livonia (734) 462-4491 offers a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner to go for eight to 14 people, ready for pick-up Wednesday, Nov. 25. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, Nov. 18. The meal comes with a fresh turkey, ready to put in the oven according to the accompanying directions, savory stuffing, a fresh vegetable medley using seasonal vegetables, candied yams, branded cranberry-orange relish and giblet gravy. The dinner can be ordered with a 14- to 16-pound turkey, ready to feed 8

to 10 people for \$82.50, or with a 20- to 25-pound turkey for 12 to 14 people that costs \$98.50.

Additional items for sale include fresh breads, pumpkin, cherry, apple or mincemeat pie, and pumpkin cheesecake. Call for details.

■ **STEVE & ROCKY'S** - 43150 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 374-0688. Chefs Steve Allen and "Rocky" Rachwitz have a memorable experience planned with their limited sit-down menu. Turkey with all the trimmings is \$14 and \$8 for children. In addition, 10 choices, some of them autumn favorites such as goose and venison, range \$14-22.

■ **TOWNSEND HOTEL RUGBY GRILLE** - 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham (248) 642-5999. From noon until 10:00 p.m. the Thanksgiving Day menu is prefixed (all-inclusive with the exception of beverage) with a variety of entree selections. Traditional Thanksgiving with all the fixings is \$45; child's portion for 12 and under \$19.

The following additional entrees are priced for adults. Child's portion is half: pan roasted filet of Atlantic salmon over wilted greens \$47; filet mignon of beef with lobster and forest mushroom stuffing and sauce medley \$49; roast rack of lamb in a pecan maple crust with sweet potato gratin and caramelized shallot sauce \$52; and pumpkin-filled raviolis with sage butter, asparagus spears and julienne vegetables \$42. Price includes entree plus choice of appetizer, soup, salad and Thanksgiving dessert selection. Late planners be forewarned. Thanksgiving in the Rugby Grille sells out every year.

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